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Search teams fail to locate two girls

» Girls now missing for more than 60 hours
» 70 law enforcers, over 90 volunteers do islandwide search



A Public School System bus parks yesterday afternoon to drop students near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo where young sisters Faloma Luhk and Meleina Luhk were last seen Wednesday morning. Inset, a boy takes part in a candlelight vigil at Kagman Elementary School last night, to pray for the safe return of the two girls.

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Seventy local and federal law enforcers supported by over 90 civilian volunteers combed the island of Saipan yesterday to search for two girls who went missing Wednesday but no trace of the sisters was found as of press time.

The search for Faloma Luhk, 10, and Meleina Luhk, 9, is expected to continue today, Saturday. The Department of Public Safety called on volunteers to report to the Kagman Community Center at 7am today, May 28, to expand and con-

tinue the search.

Although the search was islandwide, five teams focused their search in the jungles and houses in Kagman and As Teo. Several police officers and detectives were spotted yesterday afternoon

walking in the vicinity of the school bus stop where the girls were reportedly last seen.

Police spokesman Jason Tarkong told

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NMI schools to be assessed by Army Corps

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U.S. Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta said yesterday that CNMI public schools will be the first ones among four U.S. insular areas to be thoroughly assessed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in connection with a new education initiative.

The initiative aims to assess the physical condition of public schools
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Over 300 residents want Marpi power poles to stay

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Over 300 residents, including Saipan Mayor Donald Flores and Northern Islands Mayor Tobias Aldan, have signed a petition in support of the construction of power poles in Marpi.

The petitioners, led by Carl F. Dela

Cruz and Vincent P. Sablan, asked CNMI government officials to help ensure the success of the project.

Friends of Marpi is opposed to the installation of the power poles and had sued the government for it.

Copies of the petition and the signatures supporting the poles were sent to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan)

and Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, which is reviewing the power poles issue for submission of a report to the court.

Palacios said the committee has received position statements from both those who oppose and support the installation.
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Local

Saipan's first satellite tagged turtle makes tracks

In a project supported by the CNMI Department of Lands & Natural Resources and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, a satellite tag was deployed May 25, 2011, on a green sea turtle within Bird Island Marine Sanctuary, Saipan.

This nesting turtle was chosen to be the first satellite tagged turtle in Saipan's history. Upon release early Wednesday morning, the turtle crawled back into the Philippine Sea with her new hardware fiber-glassed to the

back of her shell.

The turtle's name is Kumiko, in dedication and memorial to a volunteer and friend to the CNMI Sea Turtle Program who passed away after a fight with cancer on the same evening this turtle emerged to nest.

"We thought it was an appropriate name not only to honor Kumiko's legacy of helping sea turtle conservation, but also as a tribute to her Japanese ancestral roots and recognition of hardships that the Japanese

people have endured these past months," said NOAA contractor Tammy Summers.

Only time will tell where this turtle is headed. Turtles satellite tagged by the Guam Division of Aquatic & Wildlife Resource staff in 2007 traveled to the Philippines and Japan.

Sea turtles that nest in the CNMI only stay long enough to mate and lay several nests and are off again to their next destination: foraging grounds. These foraging grounds are places where turtles find food and shelter for several years until they return to their

nesting grounds to lay eggs on Saipan beaches again.

Satellite tags are radio transmitters that send signals to satellites orbiting Earth. Information from the satellite is then relayed to computers via the ARGOS system. Scientists then plot tracks and produce maps showing the migration routes of each tagged turtle. Satellite tagging provides immediate and detailed information on turtle movements, dive time, and water temperature, showing the actual route taken to foraging areas by turtles after nesting.

Once Kumiko has left Saipan's nesting grounds and her tag is registered online, scientists, schoolchildren, and members of the community alike will be able to track her progress on www.ihaggan.com.

Future plans for the CNMI DLNR Sea Turtle Program include deploying two more satellite tags this nesting season, involving community participants such as Kagman High School Marine Biology Club members and Turtle Advocate & Guardian Society volunteers.

The next satellite tagged tur-

tles will be given Chamorro and Carolinian names suggested by local students.

"We hope to use the information gained from this study not only as a teaching tool for students, but to further CNMI sea turtle conservation efforts. The DLNR Sea Turtle Program looks forward to partnering with international agencies that are responsible for managing turtle issues in their foraging grounds, wherever they may be, to ensure protection of these species at home and abroad," said Summers. (PR)



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Joe Ruak and Jessy Hapdei apply a satellite tag to an adult green turtle.



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DOING THEIR PART

CNMI AmeriCorps student members have their picture taken after participating in a trash pickup activity along Beach Road on May 21, 2011, to commemorate AmeriCorps Week. The AmeriCorps program aims to help struggling readers improve their reading; and teaches student members who provide mentoring and tutoring (and who also aspire to be future teachers) to perform service learning activities by helping the community in environment, health, education and other efforts in the community. The picture includes volunteers, site supervisors and program director Debbie M. Diaz.

Failed engine causes unscheduled power disruptions

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Engine failures at Power Plant 1 have recently been causing unscheduled power outages on Saipan, according to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Abe Utu Malae.

The most serious, he said, is Engine No. 8 that was recently overhauled, the bolts replaced, and foundation repaired. The overhaul was delayed for a year because of unavailability of funding. It was only when the Office of Insular Affairs gave CUC \$3 million late last year

that the repairs got done.

Malae explained that after the 18 pistons were replaced with new ones, load testing began in order to test the engine and continue with the installation of new turbochargers.

"Unfortunately, one of the 18 pistons failed—it broke in

two. Fortunately, the shutdown mechanism acted quickly before any consequential damage occurred inside the engine. We may have to remove all the rest of the pistons and replace all 18 with the old ones, which won't last much more than 8,000 hours," said Malae yesterday.

"With Engine 8 down, the others have to be nursed along," he added.

CUC, he said, is now working with the vendor to ascertain the cause of the failure and make a claim for replacement.

Saipan Tribune learned that a power interruption was noted in Kiya 1 on May 19; a three-hour outage was recorded in Feeder 2 on May 21; and a partial interruption occurred in Kiya 2 when Engine 8 tripped as well as in Feeder 4 due to load shedding on May 21.

The CUC report indicated that Engine 8 auto tripped due to a mist detector that got activated. Piston failure was found upon inspection and the contractor has been notified.

It was earlier disclosed that the primary reason for engine failures at the power plants was due to excessive engine vibration, caused by unbalanced cylinder loading.

MISSING GIRLS



Last seen: As Teo, Saipan CNMI
Date missing: 6am, Wednesday, May 25, 2011
Name: Luhk, Maleina
Age: 9 years old
Height: 4 feet
Weight: 50-60 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Body: Petite
Complexion: Tan
Characteristics: Circle birthmark left cheek
Last wearing: White blouse and jeans



Last seen: As Teo, Saipan CNMI
Date missing: 6am, Wednesday, May 25, 2011
Name: Luhk, Faloma
Age: 10 years old
Height: 5.1 feet
Weight: 90 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Short brown
Body: Petite
Complexion: Tan
Last wearing: Light green shirt with a butterfly design on the front with blue jeans

DPS is seeking help from the public. Please call 911 or contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.cnmicrimestoppers.com.



HIGHEST GPA AWARD

Arvin Dayao (left) and Jim Michael Ham (right) pose with their trophies for receiving the Highest Grade Point Average (GPA) in third grade class and in the First-Third Grade Department. The awarding ceremony was held yesterday during the Junior High School graduation at GCA auditorium.

577 checks for spring SHEFA scholars remain pending

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With the spring semester ending this month, scholars of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance are still awaiting their financial assistance that remains pending at the Department of Finance.

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider confirmed yesterday that a total of 557 checks totaling \$615,700 in grant assistance have yet to be disbursed.

Records show that SHEFA made its first request for the release of 554 checks on April 14 for: 275 checks for grant-in-aid scholars, 139 checks for field of study recipients, and 140 checks for incentive scholars.

Another request for disbursement of \$28,000 was made on April 28 for 23 scholars, covering 12 grant-in-aid checks, five field-of-study checks, and six incentive scholars checks.

The spring 2011 semester has 492 approved scholars.

The pending assistance—577 checks—reflect 60 percent of total grants for the whole semester.

Hofschneider disclosed that for spring semester scholars, only 20 percent have been disbursed to date. The last one was on April 15 for 182 checks worth \$182,800.

Hofschneider was scheduled to submit another check request to Finance yesterday.

"We will submit a portion of the remaining 20 percent today. The delay in the issuance and disbursement of scholars' checks is due to the present cash-flow situation of the government. That's what we always explained to the scholars who keep on following up their checks...and they understand," he said.

Expenditure authority

The SHEFA board wants full authority and management of all monies appropriated for the scholarship program and has asked the local delegation to transfer the expenditure authority from the Finance secretary to the board.

"The board believes the expenditure authority of the funds to be appropriated for the SHEFA financial assistance program and its operations and personnel ought and should be granted to

Framingham graduates appeal for unpaid SHEFA assistance

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Eighteen recent graduates of the Framingham State University appealed to Saipan Mayor Donald Flores to help them with their request for financial assistance that was denied by the Saipan Higher Educational Financial Assistance.

In a letter to the mayor, the students complained about the SHEFA board's alleged lack of understanding of their situation and the agreement with the former board that initially approved their applications.

The scholarship award under question covers the fall 2010 semester.

"The new SHEFA board fails to understand that we are fully entitled to our reward. We met the requirements for SHEFA and

are fully qualified for full reimbursement for fall 2010. Whatever changes the new board is instituting should not have any bearing on the agreement previously made as those changes do not affect the recipients for the fall 2010 award, which includes us," the students said.

They said it is "completely illogical" for the new board to withhold what they rightfully qualify to receive.

According to SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider, SHEFA rules and regulations provide for "prioritization" of awards for financial assistance based on the college level of a recipient.

"Graduate students are second priority. In addition, SHEFA rules and regulations provide that awards are subject to availability of funds. Students in Co-

hort 8 were all at the graduate level and thus should be ranked second priority as provided by law," said Hofschneider in a report to the board.

He disclosed that SHEFA has already doled out more than 50 percent of its annual budget of \$3 million for the fall 2010 semester; remaining amount is limited to awards for spring 2011 scholars.

Hofschneider said, however, that he will work with the Finance Department if there are any lapsed funds that might be used to cover the financial assistance awards for second, third, and fourth priorities.

Agreement with former board

The affected scholars pointed out that the previous board had promised to reimburse

their expenses once the awards are available.

"Due to our unique scheduling of classes, we were to initially pay for our courses ourselves every semester, then submit our grades after the completion of each term as proof of our fulfillment of the SHEFA requirements. The financial award essentially became a reimbursement," the students explained.

They said this has been the practice of FMU graduates that preceded them. They did receive reimbursement for two semesters, except for fall 2010.

"Please understand that some of us had to borrow from our families to remain enrolled in FSU. Others had to rely on lending institutions to finance FSU and NMC's fees. We did this with SHEFA's assurance that we will be reimbursed," they added.

A proposed budget bill recommended by the delegation's Ways and Means Committee retains the expenditure authority with the Finance secretary.

Sales rep in reverse osmosis unit sale pleads guilty in Calif.

A sales representative of the California-based company that supplied the Commonwealth Health Center its reverse osmosis water purification system for the new hemodialysis facility pleaded guilty on Wednesday in California to the wire fraud charge filed against him.

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the NMI, said yesterday that

Jesse Wu pleaded guilty to falsifying the certification of a reverse osmosis water purification machine that was sold for use at CHC's new dialysis unit. He will be sentenced on July 25, 2011.

Limtiaco said that the case was transferred to the Central District of California as part of a plea deal between the U.S. government and Wu.

AIC Marianas, which won the

contract to build the hemodialysis building, had subcontracted the purchase of two reverse osmosis units to Saipan Ice & Water. Saipan Ice & Water bought the reverse osmosis units from Steven Services, a Torrance, Calif.-based company, through Wu, the company's sales representative. Wu allegedly received \$2,000 commission from the transaction.

In March 2006, Wu forged a document stating that the purification unit was certified for medical use when in fact it was not. He then sent that document from his home in Southern California to the

CNMI via fax machine.

According to Limtiaco, the Department of Interior's Office of the Inspector General led the investigation, with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. at-

torney Eric O'Malley handled the case when it was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. Assistant U.S. attorney Amanda Bettinelli is handling the case in the Central District of California. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Lawmaker seeks veterans' cemetery on Tinian

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Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) is proposing to reserve and designate 2 hectares of public lands for a future Tinian Veterans Cemetery, two months after a similar proposal for Rota was introduced involving a hectare of public land.

Conner introduced Tuesday House Bill 17-196 or the Tinian Veterans Cemetery Designation Act of 2011.

He said families from Tinian who have loved ones buried in

Marpi on Saipan are unable to afford the exorbitant airline fee, car rental, food, and other expenses when traveling to Saipan to visit their deceased loved ones.

"The financial and emotional burden that is placed on each member of the bereaved family is too burdensome during their time of loss coupled with the current financial difficulty many of our people face today because of our ailing economy," Conner said in his bill.

He said a number of veterans from Tinian buried at Marpi would also justify the need to establish a

veterans cemetery on Tinian.

"The Tinian Veterans Cemetery may inter any eligible veteran, along with spouses and eligible dependents," Conner said in his bill.

The CNMI received a veterans cemetery construction project grant of over \$1.66 million from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in August 2005 for the construction of the CNMI Veterans Cemetery on Saipan.

The CNMI Veterans Cemetery on Saipan, opened on Nov. 11, 2006, is owned and operated by the CNMI government.

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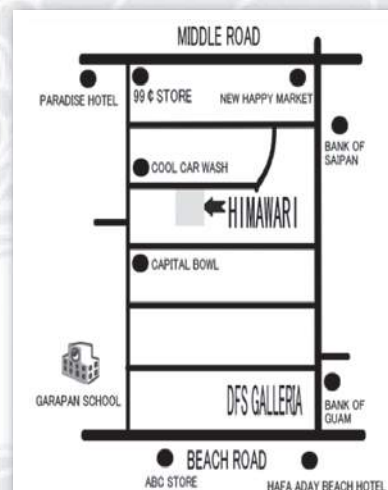
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US House Rules Committee blocks Guam's war claims

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo disclosed Thursday that the Republican-controlled House Committee on Rules has prevented H.R. 44, the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, from being added as an amendment to H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2012.

The Rules Committee issues rules for debate on legislation, and they control which amendments can be considered on the floor and which cannot be considered.

House Republicans issued a structured rule for debate over H.R. 1540 that limited consideration of amendments to those approved by the House Rules Committee without further amendment.

Republican leadership had earlier indicated that the bill would be brought

up under an open rule that would allow all filed amendments to be considered by the House.

Bordallo testified before the Rules Committee yesterday to request that her amendment be considered during debate on the NDAA on the House floor. However, despite the support of House Armed Services Committee chair Buck McKeon and Ranking Member Adam Smith for Guam War Claims, after a closed door meeting of the Rules Committee, H.R. 44 was not among those amendments ruled in order for debate, thus prohibiting it from having an up or down vote on the floor.

Bordallo spoke yesterday to oppose the structured rule (H. Res. 276) on the FY12 NDAA. She emphasized to her colleagues that H.R. 44 has passed the House with bipartisan support on five separate occasions. She made it clear

that resolution of Guam war claims is important, given what is being asked of Guam to support the military buildup.

H.R. 44 and the amendment submitted by Bordallo contained compromise language that is supported by the House and Senate Armed Services Committees as well as the Obama Administration, including the Department of Defense and the Department of the Interior. This is the same language that was agreed to during informal conference negotiations between the Senate Armed Services chair Carl Levin and Ranking Member John McCain. However, due to time constraints during consideration over the FY11 Defense Authorization Bill, the bill was forced to be considered under unanimous consent. A few senators objected specifically to the inclusion of H.R. 44, and it was stricken from the bill. Bordallo

received a commitment from chair Buck McKeon to include H.R. 44 in this year's defense bill.

The H.R. 44 amendment would authorize payments to (living) survivors of the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II as well as the heirs of those who died during the occupation. The language excludes the descendants of survivors of the occupation (those survivors who have since passed away).

"I strongly oppose the decision of the Republican-led Rules Committee to bar H.R. 44 from being debated on the House floor," said Bordallo. "H.R. 44 has passed the House on five separate occasions, and each time with bipartisan support. The rule instituted by the Rules Committee denies the people of Guam the up or down vote they deserve regarding this most im-

portant matter. The Committee's decision was made behind closed doors, and Committee Members did not have the decency to tell me about any concerns they had with my amendment. This process lacks transparency and accountability, and it does not promote an open, democratic government. Chairman McKeon committed to including H.R. 44 in this year's defense bill, and I appreciate his support, but the Republican leadership would not allow him to honor his commitment. The Rules action is wrong, and it betrays the word of the Armed Services chairman. Although this is a significant setback, I will continue to fight for war claims and will work with our bill's supporters in the House and Senate to overcome the procedural obstacles that are being used to block Guam war claims." (PR)

SEARCH

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Saipan Tribune that they have received some leads and are pursuing many angles. He refused to elaborate so as not to jeopardize ongoing investigations and operations.

The police's Tactical Response Enforcement Team and the Fire Division's Search and Rescue Unit are spearheading the search and are joined by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Drug Enforcement Administration, and U.S. Marshal Service.

Police Capt. Pete Leon Guerrero is the overall commander of the search operation, while Jess Mesa of the DPS Fire Division is the search team coordinator. DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau's operating supervisor Detective Jeff Olopai is the lead investigator in the case.

Although family members believe the girls were abducted, Tarkong said that DPS still classifies the case as a missing persons report.

Tarkong said they have been flooded with community volunteers who have either joined in the search or offered food and drinks to law enforcers.

At 3pm yesterday, there was a scheduled meeting with volunteers and law enforcers at the Incident Command Post at the Kagman Community Center.

Saipan Tribune was told that the girls' mother, Jermaine Quitugua, arrived from Guam Thursday night after learning about the incident and proceeded yesterday afternoon to the Incident Command Post where the search teams and volunteers had a briefing.

Acting DPS commissioner Ramon Mafnas thanked the private sector and the volunteers who assisted DPS in the search. "We're hoping that this will come up positive soon," he said.

The girls' aunt, Anicia Tomokane, said they heard that employees of some government agencies were released from work early yesterday to help in the search.

"It's so heartwarming that people not related to the families are helping. We're so overwhelmed by the numerous calls offering help and their



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Seven-year-old Eugene Borja Jr., left, and his brother, Cardi, 5, take part in a candlelight vigil at Kagman Elementary School last night, to pray for the safe return of two girls who have been missing since Wednesday morning while waiting at a bus stop in As Teo. A Commonwealth-wide Amber Alert has been issued for Faloma Luhk, 10, and Meleina Luhk, 9, who relatives believe may have been abducted. Search continues today.

prayers. We're getting calls from as far as the states," she said.

Tomokane and her husband have been staying at the house where the girls live in As Teo since Thursday, an-

swering calls and entertaining guests.

She said everybody in the family were at the Chalan Kanoa Church for a Mass and the subsequent burial of

their aunt yesterday.

"It is heartbreaking for us because we are still preparing to bury my aunt and this thing is happening," she said.

Tomokane said her missing nieces have been helpful in taking care of their aunt when she was still alive.

Police said the girls have been living with their grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Elbert and Jane Quitugua, of Santa Lourdes, As Teo—for almost three years now.

The father of the girls, Ruhtick Luhk, is a former police officer on Saipan who is now based in Pohnpei.

Police said the grandparents learned that the girls were missing when they failed to return home after school around 3:30pm Wednesday.

The girls were last seen Wednesday at 6am as they were leaving their house in As Teo on their way to a bus stop. Witnesses spotted the sisters sitting across from the bus stop on a drainage cement slab around 6:10am. Police learned that the girls missed their 6:30am bus.

The grandparents filed a missing persons report with DPS at 5:30pm on Wednesday.

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lation of the poles.

The petitioners said given additional time, they are confident that the number of voter signatures supporting the project would increase dramatically. They have so far gathered 311 signatures during two weekends, and said that only four of over 300 people approached declined to sign the petition.

"We believe that this petition, with real signatures, along with other testimony provided during the public hearings is clear and convincing evidence that there is overwhelming support for the project," the petitioners said.

The pro-Marpi power poles petitioners spoke of the improving the standard of living for those living in and visiting Marpi. They said landowners and farmers in the area would finally have an opportunity to connect to the power grid.

They added that other opportunities in the future may also follow, including new businesses and new homes.

"We may not see homesteads in the area in the near future, but it is better to put something in place now that could

make it happen, than to regret not having done so when the opportunity was there," they said.

They also said it would cost 10 times more to put power lines underground, as what Friends of Marpi proposes.

"The project is nearly completed. Let's do the sensible thing and use our remaining precious CIP funds for other worthy projects," they said.

The petitioners said CUC is already working on alternative sources of energy which the Friends of Marpi also supports.

They said that while they understand Friends of Marpi's main concern is aesthetics and the predicted impact the power poles would have on the tourism industry, the pro-power poles petitioners believe that health, safety, and welfare of the people in the area would be enhanced by the project.

"But let's be reasonable. Our islands have continued to develop over the years and tourists have continued to visit our islands. The Marpi area is no exception. Over the years, the area's roads have been paved, and other improvements have taken place. To say that power poles would threaten the industry is an exaggeration and a prediction no one is qualified to

make," they added.

'Meaningless'

They also told lawmakers that Friends of Marpi's online petition "should be considered meaningless as it appears that many, if not most, of those who 'signed' the petition are not registered CNMI voters and therefore do not have a vested interest in the project's outcome.

Friends of Marpi's online petitioners list their current locations as CNMI, as well as United Arab Emirates, Sweden, Canada, India, New Zealand, France, Germany, Poland, Lebanon, Slovakia, Australia, Greece, United Kingdom, Belgium, and Serbia and Montenegro.

"Clearly, such a petition, even if verifiable, is not representative of our Commonwealth and one might now ask, 'Should there be a law governing these types of petitions?' but we shall refrain from digressing," the pro-Marpi poles petitioners said.

The power poles are part of a \$2.9-million project to build a Marpi public cemetery. The poles are supposed to supply power to the Marpi public cemetery and the CNMI Veterans Cemetery.

NMI

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in the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Babauta, in an interview, said the actual assessment will begin in late summer or early fall.

"They will look at everything that goes on with the schools and be able to report in their final report not how best to maintain them but where the maintenance problems are and how they fit in the overall inventory of schools," Babauta told Saipan Tribune after a closed-door luncheon with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, and other CNMI and government officials at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe.

He also spoke of the importance of the "Insular Schools: Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms" initiative, also called the "Insular ABCs initiative."

"It's because it offers a tool to decision makers, both policymakers and those who lead the department on how to prioritize the limited maintenance dollars we all have. We all have to try to do more with less," he added.

But before the actual assessment, there will be several pre-planning meetings with the Public School System and the CNMI governor's office to make sure everyone understands the process the Army Corps is going to go through.

Babauta met yesterday with the governor and members of the Board of Education and other government officials to formally present to them the "Insular Schools: Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms" initiative, also called the "Insular ABCs initiative."

It is going to be a "very detailed assessment," he added.

The Interior's Office of Insular Areas contracted the Army Corps to do the assessment – at no cost to the CNMI and other insular areas.

The Army Corps will be bringing over structural, electric, and other engineers to the CNMI.

The Fitial administration said the ABC initiative aims to develop a thorough baseline inventory and assessment of all elementary, middle, and high school buildings, which will ultimately help the territory determine what kind of repairs and construction need to be done and how many federal dollars will be allocated for such improvements.

NMI mock trial team clinches 37th place in crowded field

Representing the CNMI, students from Marianas Baptist Academy competed in the national high school mock trial championship held earlier this month on May 5-7, 2011, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Forty-eight teams, including representatives from 43 states, Guam, the CNMI, South Korea, and Australia, participated in the national event. This was the largest number of participants in the national competition's 27-year history.

After four rounds of competition over two days, including a decisive win against Connecticut, the CNMI team placed 37th overall. The champion was John Adams High School from Indiana with MICDS from Missouri as runner-up.

The MBA team consisted of students Gino A.P. Benevente, Jodel Katrina Fernandez, Seong Jun Hwang, DongHee Im, Han-

bert Jeong, Chan Woo Lee, Manatsu E. Omori, and Michael U. Sheu with attorney coaches Jennifer Dockter and Adam Hardwicke. The team had only a month to prepare for the complicated civil case dealing with Native American land rights and environmental issues.

MBA earned the right to compete in the national tournament after winning the local competition sponsored by the CNMI Bar Association this past March.

Former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor provided opening remarks to all the students during an awards banquet following the championship round.

Before the banquet, one CNMI student, Chan Woo Lee, had the opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session with the former justice. Chan Woo Lee and six other students from across the nation

discussed constitutional issues with O'Connor. Greatly impressed by the former justice's intelligence and knowledge of legal system, Lee stated: "This experience will follow me the rest of my life and I will always cherish the conversation I had with Justice O'Connor."

Mock trial programs are designed to give students an inside perspective of the legal system, providing them with an understanding of the mechanism through which society chooses to resolve many of its disputes. Participation provides students with a practical knowledge about how the U.S. legal system operates. The mock trial program is an opportunity for high school students to develop their advocacy and public speaking skills, understand the law, develop teamwork, and meet the demands of academic competition.

The students and coaches of MBA and the CNMI Bar Association's Mock Trial Coordina-

tor appreciate the support and financial assistance provided by the Public School System,

which allowed the students to compete in this national competition. **(PR)**

Saipan cadet graduates from West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y.—Saipan resident cadet Michael H. Kim, the son of Jae Hong Kim and Young Mi Kim, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on Saturday, May 21.

Kim graduated from Mount Carmel High School in 2007. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in Civil Engineering Management. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Field Artillery branch and will report to

Fort Hood, Texas, for his first assignment.

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the corps of cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of duty, honor, country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the U.S. Army.

The U.S. Military Academy is a four-year co-educational

federal undergraduate liberal arts college located 50 miles north of New York City. Founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering, it consistently ranks as one of the top colleges in the nation. A pre-eminent leader development institution, its mission remains constant—to educate, train and inspire cadets for careers of professional service to the Army and the nation. For more information, go to www.westpoint.edu. **(PR)**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Cadet Michael H. Kim is shown here with his family after being commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army at the U.S. Military Academy.

Garapan resident earns master's from HPU

HONOLULU—Juanet Santos Sablan, resident of Garapan, Saipan, was among nearly 850 students who received associate, baccalaureate, or master degrees at Hawai'i Pacific University's 76th commencement ceremony held Wednesday,

May 18 at the Waikiki Shell.

Sablan received a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management.

Hawai'i Pacific University is the state's largest private university with more than 8,500 students from all

50 states and more than 100 countries. HPU is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the Council on Social Work Education, and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. **(PR)**



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

USS *Cheyenne* arrives today

On the heels of the recent arrival of the USS *Cowpens*, the USS *Cheyenne*, a Los Angeles-class attack submarine with a full staff and crew of 151, will arrive this morning at Charlie Dock on Saipan. The USS *Cheyenne* will making its third visit to Saipan. Its prior visits were on Oct. 1, 2002, and March 27, 2005. The Chamber is urging the community to help build the CNMI's reputation as the preferred MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) destination in the Asia-Pacific region by warmly welcoming these sailors to the islands. The USS *Cheyenne* is scheduled to depart in the middle of next week. **(SCC)**

Navy training on Farallon de Medinilla

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on May 31 from 8am to 11pm. The general public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the time and date indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon

provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **(USN)**

MINA meeting on June 1

The Mariana Islands Nature Alliance is inviting all its members to the annual membership meeting that will be held on June 1, 2011, at 6pm at the Laolao Bay Resort (poolside). Learn about

MINA's progress and successes for 2010, upcoming projects, meet the Micronesia Challenge interns, and new nominations to the board of directors. To RSVP or donate, visit www.minapacific.com or call 233-7333 (REEF) by May 30, 2011. Members who carpool (three or more in the vehicle) to the meeting will receive an incentive. Interested individuals who want to join MINA are also welcome to attend the meeting. **(MINA)**



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-2011-X-030 submitted by RPCF, Inc. on behalf of Mr. Joaquin Manglona of Resources Management International Corporation to operate a rock quarry and rock crushing operation and to construct an office facility. The project site is located on public land, lot no. 069 A 01 in As Matuis, Saipan adjacent to the quarries of Camacho Equipment and JG Sablan. The site has been previously quarried. The method of quarrying will be to use heavy equipment and no blasting.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 6:30 P.M. at the CRM office located in the Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review during business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Monday – Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the CRM office or mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, Saipan or fax at 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will become part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you require further information regarding this project and/or public hearing.

/s/ RITA C. CHONG-DELA CRUZ
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2011 CNMI Crop Producer & Buyer Directory

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The Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR), in conjunction with its partner agencies and local farmers, is pleased to announce the updating of the CNMI Crop Producer and Buyer Directory for calendar year 2011.

CNMI farmers are urged to contact Mr. Manny Pangelinan, Acting Director of Agriculture, at 322-9830 or via e-mail at mmpangelinan@gmail.com, attention 2011 CNMI Farmers Directory; the Saipan Municipal Council at (670) 664-2700 and ask for Frances Muna or send inquiry and/or information to the council office at email address spnmunco@yahoo.com; the Saipan Sabalu Farmers Market Association and speak with Mr. Sid Cabrera, association president; or the Northern Marianas CRESS Office, attention Ross Manglona at rossm@nmcnet.edu, to provide informational updates or submission of new entries to the 2011 Crop Producer & Buyer Directory. Crop producer and buyer directory intake forms are available upon request for new entries to the directory and existing participants who need to provide updated information and data in the 2011 directory.

This year, local retail and wholesale market managers are strongly urged to partake in the 2011 publication, in order to promote local vegetables (e.g., cabbage, pechay, okra, etc.) fruits (e.g., guava, sour sap, banana, etc.) and specialty crops (e.g., orchid, bird of paradise, tea leave, and other cut flowers) and agricultural products (e.g. processed hot pepper, noni juice, guava juice, mango jam, etc.).

Information and data required for the 2011 update include: 1. name of farmer, 2. contact information (i.e., phone number, mailing and e-mail addresses, island (e.g., Saipan, Tinian, Rota, or the Northern Islands), 3. farm plot physical location (e.g., Kagman, Saipan), 4. producer status (i.e., commercial or subsistence farmer), 5. types of vegetable, fruit, floriculture specialty crops, and other agriculture products, and 6. crop or product availability seasonally (perennial) or year round (annual).

The 2011 local farmers directory is expanded to include such information as: 1. where farmers markets (e.g., Sabalu market, Tuesday night market, Thursday night market, etc.) or retail markets that promote local farm produce, crop, and agriculture product operate, 2. when they are open (business days and times), 3. whether they accept food assistance programs like the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP), women, infants, and children (WIC) and farmers market nutrition program (FMNP), among others, 4. what kinds of agricultural products are marketed (including fresh fruits and vegetables), and 5. how many participating local vendors that market and distribute fresh local produce, specialty crops, and agriculture products are.

July 28, 2011 at 12 noon is the deadline for updates on existing listing or for submission of new entries to the 2011 CNMI Crop Producer and Buyer Directory.

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'What's Going On,' 40 years later

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It was 40 years ago this month that Marvin Gaye's legendary album, "What's Going On," was released. The album, now considered a masterpiece of music and social commentary, remains all-too relevant.

Gaye's album appeared at a time of tremendous political and social chaos in the United States.

The civil rights movement was dying a slow death in 1971. Martin Luther King Jr. was no more, and Bobby Kennedy, as well. Richard Nixon had been elected president in 1968.

The Vietnam War was still raging in 1971, despite its growing unpopularity. Millions of people in Southeast Asia were dead, and 50,000 U.S. soldiers had lost their lives there.

The "war on poverty" was over. Poverty had won. Riots had broken out in some inner cities in the 1960s as a result, but the problem still festered.

Marvin Gaye's album dropped into this America on May 21, 1971.

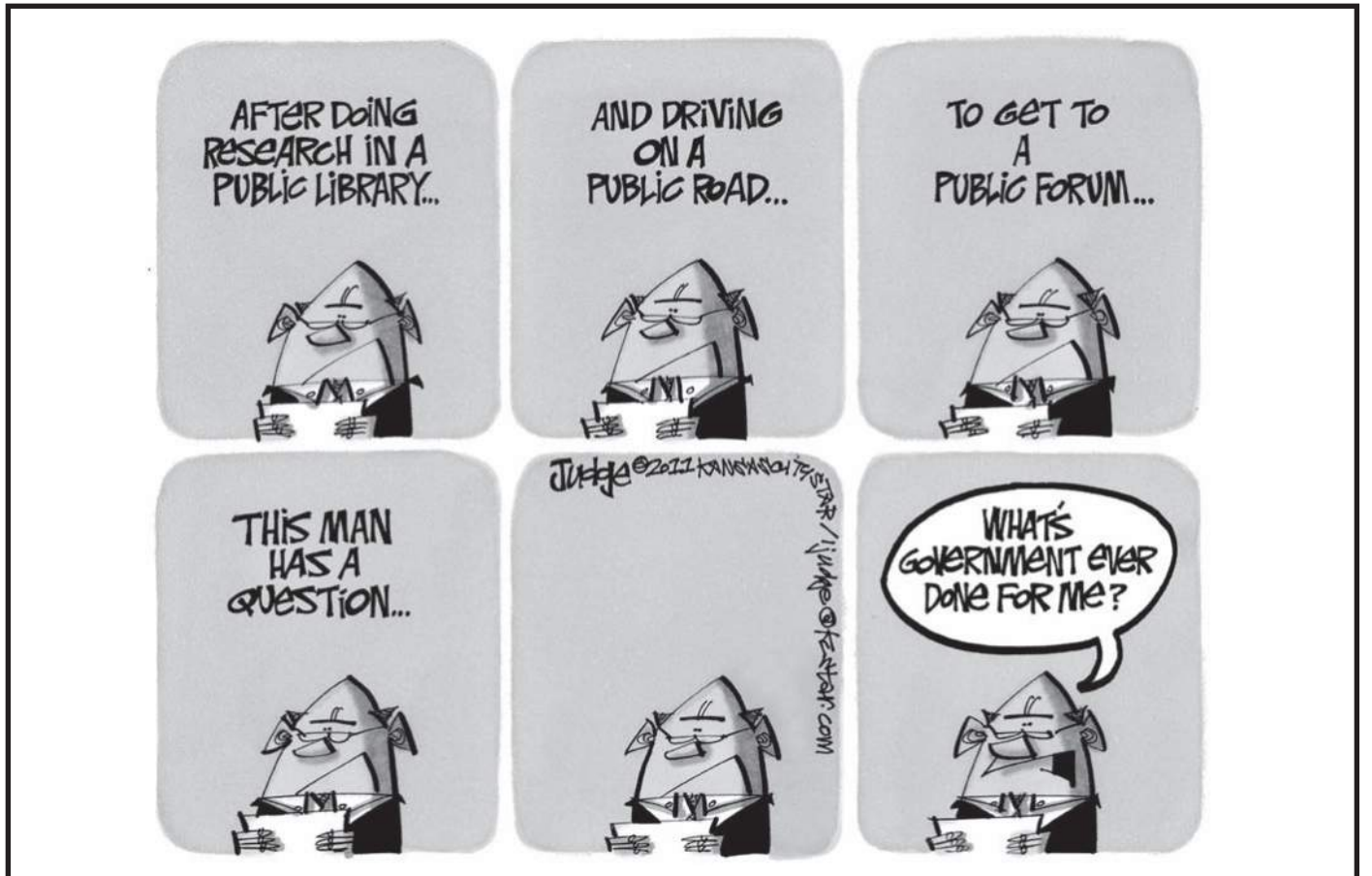
Gaye, born in Washington, on April 2, 1939, was a highly successful singer-songwriter with Motown records. Gaye's venture did not go over well with his boss at Motown, Berry Gordy, who hated the single "What's Going On" and initially refused to release it. But he relented in January 1971, and "What's Going On" immediately shot up the pop charts. Soon, an entire album was demanded. Gaye delivered his gem a few months later.

"What's Going On" was Gaye's desperate cry for a world where war was not the answer, where only love could conquer hatred. Other songs on the album addressed many of the social ills of then and now: "Inner City Blues" dealt with the problems of urban America; "Save the Children" focused on the children of the world; "Mercy, Mercy, Me" condemned environmental destruction.

Today, the United States is still engaged in wars abroad that have taken a huge financial and human toll. Today, racism still lurks beneath the surface, poverty and economic inequality remain with us, and corporate interests continue to destroy the environment.

The persistence of these problems makes Gaye's album more important every day, as does his universal message of love. It is a message we should heed today.

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Republican race about who's out, not in

By LIZ SIDOTI
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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Republicans are having a hard time finding somebody to run for president in 2012.

After months of teasing, property developer and TV showman Donald Trump has pulled himself out of the running. Haley Barbour, deep-south Mississippi's governor, made some soundings in the electorate, then said he would not run. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a surprisingly strong candidate in 2008, says he has had enough. Shortly after Barbour pulled the plug a few weeks ago, two lesser potential candidates, South Dakota Sen. John Thune and Indiana Rep. Mike Pence, did the same.

These days it seems the race to choose a Republican to run against Democratic President Barack Obama is more about who is not running than who is.

Is it the challenge of beating an incumbent president or the state of the Republican Party?

"What if they held an election and no one ran? That's kind of where we are right now,"

Curt Anderson, a veteran Republican pollster, says with a chuckle.

That is not to say there are no candidates for the opposition. Republicans who have taken steps toward running include former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, who was a serious contender for the nomination in 2008; former Gov. Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota; and former House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia. Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, who recently resigned as U.S. ambassador to China and returned to Utah, is considering a run as well.

But with each I'm-not-running announcement comes a new round of questions within Republican circles: Will New Jersey's Gov. Chris Christie and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush stay on the sidelines as they insist? What about former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the controversial vice presidential candidate in 2008, and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels? Is there anyone else who may emerge, say a late entry by Texas Gov. Rick Perry?

So far, it is a far smaller field than many Republican observers expected, and it comprises candidates who are not yet quenching the thirst of a primary electorate looking for the strongest Republican to challenge Obama as he seeks a second term.

"It does look like on the Republican side there is more demand than supply for potential nominees," says Ed Gillespie, a former Republican National Committee chairman and adviser to President George W. Bush.

But he insisted: "Whoever emerges as the Republican nominee has a 50/50 shot at being the president."

Gillespie and other Republicans contend that Obama is not in as strong a position as it might seem considering the bump in polls he got after U.S. Navy commandos he had sent killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. They point to an economy that still is sluggish, unemployment that still is high and the president's standing in some states considered open for either party to win.

Typically, the Republicans who have recently refused to run have said they were confident the party can field a candidate who could

win the presidency in November 2012. But it is hard to see how one maxim in presidential politics did not contribute to their decisions: Americans do not usually like to sack their presidents.

It has happened three times since the end of World War II. Republican Gerald Ford, who was appointed not elected, lost in 1976; Democrat Jimmy Carter, who beat Ford, lost in 1980, and Republican George H.W. Bush lost in 1992.

"That's probably a factor. The president deceptively looks very strong right now, and there has to be a hesitancy to get into a race that's going to be a slugfest and could cost a candidate \$1 billion. That might be giving some people pause," says Frank Donatelli, the chairman of GOPAC, an organization that trains Republicans to run for elective office. "It's a small field right now. But Obama is so vulnerable, that whoever emerges is going to be a credible challenger."

Others doubt that fear of losing to Obama is much of a consideration, if any, as Republicans weigh their options.

"It's more that people are just sizing up what it takes to run and deciding that they don't have it in them. These are personal decisions that people make," says Gillespie.

Still others say the lack of a crop of strong candidates with no flaws may have to do with growing pains within the party. They say terrible elections for Republicans in 2006 and 2008 robbed the party of its cadre of up-and-coming contenders who would be ripe for a run this time, former Virginia Gov. and U.S. Sen. George Allen among them.

Donatelli sums it up with this: "We have a shortage of candidates."

The argument goes that the party's rising stars and future candidates are governors and senators elected in the past two years in elections in which Republicans performed strongly, a junior varsity bench that will be ready for the big leagues in four years.

But first, the party must get through the 2012 elections. And the decisions by Republicans who have chosen not to run have created voids in the field, stirring talk anew of others to recruit into the race.

Former Arkansas Gov. Huckabee, the 2008 victor in the Iowa caucuses, the first test of a presidential election season, opted out last weekend. His absence means social conservative and evangelical Christians have no obvious candidate to rally around.

Days later, real estate developer Trump chose to continue hosting his TV reality show "Celebrity Apprentice" instead of running for president. He never was a serious contender, but ultraconservative tea partiers gravitated toward a potential candidate who was fearless in lobbying no-holds-barred criticism at Obama.

The field now lacks a verbal bomb-thrower.

In April, Mississippi Gov. Barbour bowed out at the last minute after putting everything necessary in place for a campaign, surprising even aides. He said he lacked the "fire in the belly" necessary to run.

Earlier, South Dakota Sen. Thune, a Midwesterner with solid conservative credentials, took a pass, choosing to take a leadership post in the Senate perhaps with an eye toward 2016. And Indiana Rep. Pence, a hero to social conservatives, decided to run for governor of his home state.

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New weapons needed for an old battle

By JOYCE M. JOHNSON
MCT

Buried under the dirt in Iraq and Afghanistan, amid the rubble and improvised explosive devices, lurks an invisible enemy. It has struck hundreds of U.S. soldiers in the last decade. There are some weapons in our arsenal that we can use to fight this threat, yet in a growing number of instances we are completely unarmed.

The foe in question is a microscopic germ so commonly associated with wounded soldiers that it is nicknamed "Iraqibacter." Its real name is "Acinetobacter baumannii."

The story of this bug and the soldiers it has harmed illustrates what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization have identified as one of the greatest public health threats: antibiotic resistance.

The emergence of nearly untreatable bacteria threatens everyone. The most notorious superbug is MRSA—methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. It kills 19,000 Americans each year and is responsible for more than 360,000 hospitalizations. Other multidrug-resistant bacteria claim the lives of tens of thousands of people in this country alone.

Unfortunately, soldiers face unique threats of multidrug-resistant infection. The CDC reported the first 102 cases of *Acinetobacter* infection among U.S. military servicemen and women between 2002 and 2004 alone. More have occurred since; many have been marked

by "widespread resistance to antimicrobial agents." Worse still, *Acinetobacter* is not the only, nor even the most deadly, superbug that afflicts our troops. These germs can infect the lungs, bloodstream, bones, heart and other vital organs and systems.

Bacteria inevitably develop resistance to antibiotics, but the process can be slowed by prescribing these drugs only when they are absolutely needed and taking them exactly as prescribed. Fortunately, health-care practitioners and hospital administrators are making great strides both in controlling the spread of superbugs and in preserving the effectiveness of antibiotics.

Yet as effective as these measures have been, bacteria will always evolve and doctors will always need novel antibiotics.

Lately, however, these new drugs have been few and far between. In the 40 years after the discovery of penicillin, drug makers brought an astonishing 13 classes of antibiotics to market—not just slight variations on a chemical theme but distinct categories that kill microbes in their own unique way. In the last 40 years, however, drug makers have added a paltry three new antibiotic classes.

Why are there so few new antibiotics? In short, their development costs are too high and their earning potential is too low.

Ultimately, it costs hundreds of millions of dollars to bring a new drug to market, whether that drug is a big-earning cholesterol drug that millions of people will take every day for years, or something like an antibiotic that gets prescribed for only a few days at a time.

Antibiotics are not the first drugs to fall through the cracks of the

free market. Congress passed the Orphan Drug Act to incentivize drug makers to develop a range of life-saving medicines to treat conditions from which fewer than 200,000 people suffered. Since this law was enacted in 1983, the Food and Drug Administration has approved more than 350 orphan drugs to treat various forms of cancer, leukemia and AIDS-related diseases, among many other conditions, saving many thousands of lives in the process.

Congress can take similar steps to spur the development of new antibiotics. The FDA also can give drug makers greater confidence to invest in these drugs by streamlining and clarifying the antibiotics approval process.

Our ability to treat wounded soldiers in the field of battle and rapidly evacuate them to medical facilities has dramatically improved over the past decade. More of our troops are surviving injury and making it home. That comes with a duty: We must now care for an increasing number of soldiers with a variety of difficult-to-treat conditions. Part of this responsibility entails ensuring we have the best drugs to treat them.

This Memorial Day, as we reflect on the sacrifices so many Americans have made in defense of our freedom, let us take a moment to consider the steps we can take, collectively and proactively, to ensure our antibiotic armamentarium is fully stocked to protect our servicemen and women from deadly infection.

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The greenback takes a hit

By PETER GOLDMARK
NEWSDAY

"Money talks," the old saying goes. The U.S. dollar has been the world's reserve currency for decades.

That means the world has made its trades in dollars, settled accounts in dollars, and that the dollar has been "the safe haven" investors looked to when the going got tough.

That is changing. And if we don't get our financial affairs in order, starting with the deficit, movement away from the dollar will continue.

The Chinese are already telling the world that a global financial system dominated by the Atlantic nations is no longer either fair or workable. And the financial collapse of 2008—driven by irresponsible American financial institutions peddling phony mortgages, debt run wild and Bush-era abdication from policing the markets—rattled faith in America around the world. Suddenly our financial system looked not so safe and not so wise.

Today the United States has a growing budget deficit and a huge trade deficit, the latter largely because we're hemorrhaging roughly \$400 billion a year for imported oil. If we were a patient, our doctor would tell us: "You're overweight, your blood pressure is too high—and your addiction is going to kill you one of these days."

If the dollar began to be replaced as the world's reserve currency, it would mean a drop in U.S. standard of living—because when the dollar gets weaker, you and I have to pay more here at home for everything imported from overseas. That's all bad enough.

But meanwhile, the countries with piles of foreign reserves, such as China and the oil emirates, created sovereign wealth funds to deal with the ups and downs in their own revenues from oil or export surpluses, and to avoid having those funds sit idly in low-interest U.S. Treasury bonds.

These sovereign wealth funds, which make long-term investments, now control trillions of dollars of capital and are often used by the nations that control them to advance national policy. When a Saudi sov-

ereign fund buys farmland in an undeveloped country, that's not trade; that's trying to lock up a food supply for themselves in the future.

Growth and technological progress have always required long-term investors. Who will the next generation of long-term investors be? Who will shape the systems we use for transportation, for generating and distributing electricity, for conserving and purifying water? And who will do this in ways that allow the human adventure on this planet to thrive, rather than choke itself to death in a purgatory of pollution, contaminated and shrinking water supplies, rising sea levels, and high temperatures that lower food production?

Historically, the long-term investors have usually been governments, or government-backed. It was government-backed credit that built a lot of the framework—our canals, railroads, interstate roads and airports—that allowed the United States to become the

world's largest economic power.

But in the United States, our present politics make it hard to talk about intelligent, long-term, government-sponsored investment at the national level. So the sovereign wealth funds, by default, take center stage as important, trend-creating long-term investors. And the sovereign wealth funds respond to the wishes of other sovereigns—not the United States.

It's a tough world out there, and Americans are used to calling a lot of the shots. But a country can't be as fat, as out of shape, and as out of balance fiscally as ours and still expect to play on the team that makes history, rather than the teams that have to live with the history others have made.

Peter Goldmark, a former publisher of the International Herald Tribune, headed the climate program at the Environmental Defense Fund.

Social Security must be tackled now, not later

By BRUCE RAMSEY
THE SEATTLE TIMES

"I paid cash for my Social Security insurance!!!!," read the anonymous email. "Just because they borrowed the money, doesn't make my benefits some kind of charity or handout!!"

This person writes as if he had a contract, as he would with a product bought from an insurance company, but he doesn't. He has a political claim, which is not as definite. As political claims go, it is one of the better ones, and he is pretty sure to get a benefit. But Congress can change the deal on him, and if he is under 45 or so, it probably will. It has done so before.

There was a court case about this. A man named Ephram Nestor, an immigrant from Bulgaria, retired in 1955 on \$55.60 a month. A year later he was deported for having been a communist, and Social Security cut off his benefits.

In 1960, the U.S. Supreme Court had to decide whether he had a contract. The court said he did not. In *Flemming v. Nestor*, it said no worker has such a contract.

Social Security is not a program to invest an individual's money, but a social program for one generation to pay for another. And because it is "designed to function into the indefinite future," the court said, Congress has to be able to adjust the taxes and benefits.

That doesn't mean your benefits are "some kind of charity." If you paid, your claim is better than that. But you don't have a constitutional right to a specific deal.

And for some Americans the deal will be changed—because Social Security is now running in deficit.

The Social Security "fund" amounts to a political claim to fill \$2.6 trillion of the deficit with money from somewhere other than the withholding tax. But it is a claim only, not a means of payment.

"The money isn't there. It doesn't exist," said Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., who met with The Seattle Times a few weeks ago. "I've had some arguments with some Democrats in my district who turn blue in the face when I say it's not there, but it's not."

He is right. It's not.

From the mid-1980s to 2009, Social Security collected more than it needed to pay in benefits. The government spent the money and replaced it with bonds—in other words, IOUs.

If you or I had the bonds, we would be trillionaires. But Social Security is the government—and an organization's IOUs are not an asset to itself.

It can sell the bonds in the fund, but then it is borrowing. It can sell the bonds not in the fund—with the same result.

Some people seem to think the government can earn money by holding its own bonds. The Strengthen Social Security Campaign sends out a news release claiming that Social Security had a \$69.3 billion "surplus" last year. But this counts the interest on the bonds—and the government cannot earn money by paying interest to itself.

Counting real money from real people, Social Security ran in the red in 2010. It was an event forecast for many years, the start of a trend. Until the benefits are lowered or the withholding taxes raised, Social Security will be in the red from now on, meaning that it will be a net drain on the federal budget.

That makes it a problem now.

It is not an insoluble problem, nor the biggest one the federal government has. It does not mean the system collapses or that young people get nothing. It does mean that the financial and political questions are ripe now, and should not be put off until 2036.

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More decisions by Republicans considering bids, especially Indiana Gov. Daniels, will come shortly, which should further clarify a Republican field that is only just starting to come into focus. Former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and Texas Rep. Ron Paul already are in the mix, and others could be soon.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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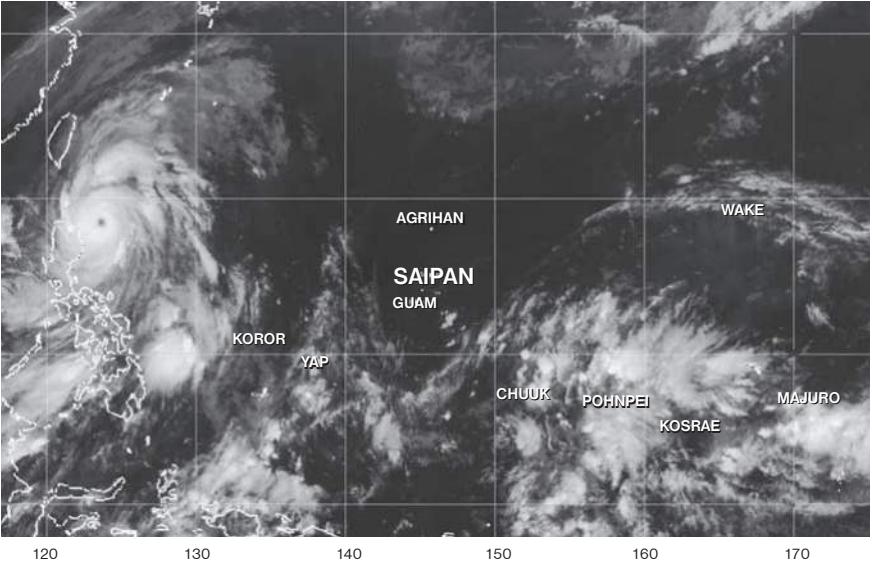
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Miami	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲77 ▼65
Osaka	Showers	▲71 ▼65
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼47
Pusan	Windy	▲69 ▼59
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼60
Salem	Showers	▲60 ▼46
San Francisco	Windy	▲57 ▼49
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲77 ▼58
Tokyo	Showers	▲69 ▼65
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲81 ▼68

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
11:08 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	
5:35 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet	
10:43 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging south winds east of a monsoon trough near the Philippines are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms along the western edge of the discussion area west of a line from 9N133E to 14N133E to 22N130E. Converging east winds south of Koror are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between the equator and 4N from 130E to 138E. A surface trough runs northward from 3N138E to end near Yap at 10N138E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring near the northern end of the trough around Yap between 6N and 10N from 137E to 139E. Similar weather is occurring in trade wind convergence east of this trough within 60 miles of a line from 3N143E to 7N142E. Another surface trough reaches northward from 3N158E to end north of Pohnpei at 14N159E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found within a broad area bounded by a line from EQ151E to 10N151E to 16N159E to 10N162E to EQ160E back to EQ151E. This area includes Chuuk and Pohnpei. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Kosrae, Kwajalein and Majuro within 200 miles of a line from 8N163E to 5N170E to 5N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:10 AM	2:50 PM
Sunday	2:47 AM	3:38 PM
Monday	3:26 AM	4:28 PM
Tuesday	4:09 AM	5:19 PM
Wednesday	4:55 AM	6:13 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Korean Center Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm			
Kristo Rai Parish Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm) Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273			
Santa Soledad Mission Parish Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am, Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568			
Saint Jude Parish Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007			
San Antonio Parish Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday			
San Francisco de Borja-Rota Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro Wednesday:6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass			
San Isidro-Rota Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm			
San Jose (Oleai) Parish Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991			
San Roque Parish Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English			
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143			
San Vicente Parish Monday-Friday: 6pm, Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month) Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131			
Santa Remedios Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1 st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm			
PROTESTANT 			
Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm			
Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27			
Chinese Christian Church of Saipan Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm Telephone no. 235-8540			
Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org			
Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road, Call 285-6081 for directions			
Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service) GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680			
Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)			
Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)			
Immanuel United Methodist Church Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158			
Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am			
Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm			
Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm			
Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)			
Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm			
Missions Connection Ministry Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm			
Northern Marianas Christian Church Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sis Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided) Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sis FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620			
Marianas Bible Fellowship Center Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm			
Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) Sunday worship 8:30am Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566			
Saipan Christian Church Sunday: 7:30am-10am Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm			
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)			
Saipan Church of Christ Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 10-11am Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm Thursday Bible Study: 7pm			
Saipan Community Church (Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm			
Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan (Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm			
First Baptist Church Koblerville Sunday services: Sunday school 9:00am Morning worship 10:00am Evening service 6:00pm Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm			
Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm			
Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. Telephone No: 285-4661/2			
Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi			
Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism			
Upper Room International Ministries Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan			
Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S			
VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Formerly God's Victorious Army) Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246			
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Business

Economies around the world are expanding more slowly

WASHINGTON (AP)—From the United States to Europe and even to booming China, the global economy is showing signs of strain.

Most major economies are expected to keep growing. But evidence is mounting that many around the world are struggling to expand as fast as they did last year.

European governments are struggling with debts and squeezed budgets. Britain's economy scarcely grew at the start of the year. Even Europe's strongest economy, Germany, may face a slowdown.

High unemployment, depressed real estate and still-high oil prices are slowing the U.S. economy, which grew at a scant 1.8 percent annual rate from January through March. And after its earthquake and nuclear crisis, Japan has sunk back into a recession.

In China, interest-rate hikes designed to reduce inflation are slowing growth.

Overall, the world economy will likely grow just 3.5 percent this year, down from 4.1 percent in 2010, according to the research firm IHS Global Insight. IHS has cut that forecast from 3.8 percent.

As leaders of the Group of Eight rich democracies meet in Paris, slowing global growth is on an agenda already packed with concerns about instability in the Middle East, Greece's debt crisis and who will be the next head of the International Monetary Fund. It isn't a priority item at the meeting, though.

"The eurozone is a big mess, and the Europeans don't want to talk about it," said Simon Johnson, a former chief economist of the IMF.

The most serious such problems exist in Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland, which are overwhelmed with debts run up during the financial crisis and the recession that followed.

Financial markets have been signaling concerns about a worldwide slowdown. The Dow Jones industrial average has shed 450 points, or 3.5 percent,

PayPal is suing Google over smartphone payment service

NEW YORK (AP)—PayPal says Google stole its ideas for a new service that is trying to turn smartphones into digital wallets.

The allegations emerged in a lawsuit filed Thursday in a California court after Google unveiled its mobile payment service in New York.

The complaint alleges Google lured away PayPal executive Osama Bedier earlier this year to obtain trade secrets that are

this month. Stocks have slid 3 percent or more this month in Japan, Britain and Hong Kong.

IHS chief economist Nari-man Behravesch said "three headwinds are hitting the global economy at the same time":

■ High commodities prices. Despite a recent dip, oil prices are still up 50 percent over the past year. Those prices have squeezed household budgets in the United States and other rich countries and held back consumer spending. Rising food prices are hurting the middle class and the poor around the world.

■ Government budget cuts. Many European countries had to slash spending after the financial crisis swelled their budget deficits. Britain last year cut spending and raised taxes, choking the economy. Britain's economy eked out just 0.5 percent growth in the January-March quarter after shrinking from October through December last year.

■ Japan's earthquake and nuclear crisis. After factory production was disrupted, the Japanese economy shrank at a 3.7 percent annual pace in the first quarter. It will likely contract an additional 3.7 percent in the April-June quarter, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

"The highest degree of uncertainty lies in the effects of the disaster on Japan's economy," Bank of Japan Gov. Masaaki Shirakawa said in a speech this week in Tokyo.

Economists do expect Japan's economy to rebound in the second half of the year. Reopened factories and reconstruction projects in the quake zone should create jobs.

The U.S. economy is also expected to accelerate in the next several months. More hiring will likely encourage consumers to spend more. Companies are expected to dip into profits to expand. And banks, having shed bad loans from financial crisis, will likely lend more to businesses and consumers.

PayPal is owned by eBay Inc.

Nation

Some of Joplin's missing turn up safe, alive

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—As emergency workers in Joplin searched Thursday for more than 230 people listed as missing after a tornado tore through the city, one was sitting on a wooden chair outside the wreckage of her home, cuddling her cat.

Sally Adams, 75, said neighbors rescued her Sunday after the storm destroyed her house and took her to a friend's home. When The Associated Press told her she was on the missing list, Adams laughed and said "Get me off of there!"

Missouri officials had said they believed many of the missing were alive and safe but simply hadn't been in touch with friends and family, in part because cell phone service has been spotty. The AP found that was the case with at least a dozen of the 232 still unaccounted for Thursday. They included two survivors staying at a hotel, six that a relative said were staying with friends and one that a former employee said had been moved from his nursing home.

Stephen Whitehead, of the Red Cross' Safe and Well registry, which keeps track of the accounted-for, said that since the missing list came out earlier Thursday, he has learned that at least nine are people who are dead. Whitehead said he did not know whether those nine were among the known fatalities.

Adams said she lost her cell phone in the storm and had no way of contacting her family to let them know she was OK. She was placed on the missing list

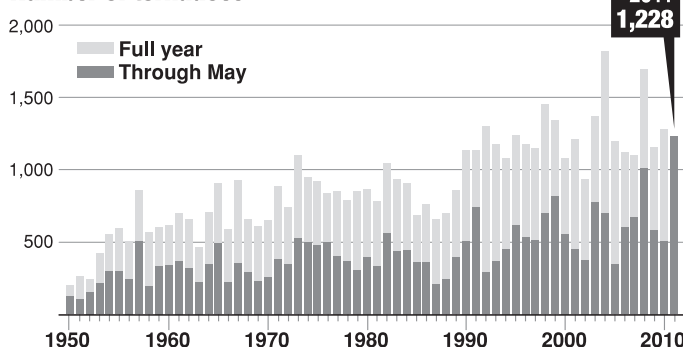


Ritchie Randall of Joplin, Mo., rests his head on the shoulder of his wife, Bianca, while they listen to a town hall meeting for residents affected by a tornado at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Thursday, May 26, 2011.

Dramatic spike

The number of U.S. tornadoes has increased this year, as has the number of deaths caused by those storms.

Number of tornadoes



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after relatives called a hot line and posted Facebook messages saying she was missing.

Her son, Bill Adams, said he told authorities his mother was alive after he learned she was

safe, yet she remained on their unaccounted-for list Thursday afternoon.

Mike O'Connell, spokesman for the Missouri Department of Public Safety, said he wouldn't call Adams' listing a mistake and finding her is "a good thing." He urged other survivors to check the list and call if they see their names.

The AP found Mike and Betty Salzer at a hotel being used by visiting journalists.

"Well, for Heaven's sakes," Betty Salzer, 74, said when the AP showed her the list.

The couple have been staying at the hotel since their home was destroyed Sunday. Betty Salzer said their names might have

come from a Facebook message her daughter posted before they reached her Monday morning.

Not all of the stories of the missing will end so well.

Joplin City Manager Mark Rohr announced Thursday that the death toll had risen to 126.

Some of their families waited Thursday for their remains to be released. One victim's funeral was scheduled for Friday morning in Galena, Kan., and other services were scheduled for the weekend.

But some of the bodies have yet to be identified. Andrea Spillars, deputy director and general counsel of the Missouri Department of Public Safety, said officials know some of the people unaccounted for are dead, but she wouldn't say how many or when the names of the deceased would be released.

Chris Haddock, 23, said his father was one of the deceased on the missing list. A commercial truck driver found 62-year-old Paul Haddock's body in his pickup truck behind a flattened Walmart.

"They found his wallet and his cell phone in his pocket," Chris Haddock said. "That's how they know it's him."

In another example of potential overlap, 12 residents of the Greenbriar nursing home are on the missing list. But nursing home administrators reported earlier that 11 people died in the tornado; only one was known missing.

One of the 12 is Dorothy Hartman, an Alzheimer's patient. Pamela McBroom, 49, who lives

near the nursing home, said one of her daughters used to work there, developed a soft spot for Hartman and introduced them. Hartman was frail "but very positive and full of life," she said.

McBroom said she and her 16-year-old daughter were hiding in a closet when the tornado tore their walls and roof away. Her walls gone, McBroom could see the mayhem at Greenbriar.

"I could see people flying out of the nursing home by my house," McBroom said. "I could hear them screaming. Just screaming. It was horrible."

Nursing home officials haven't said whether Hartman was one of the 11 killed.

Identification of the deceased has been slow because officials have taken extra precautions since a woman misidentified one victim as her son in the chaotic hours after the tornado hit, Newton County coroner Mark Bridges said.

"That's the reason why we didn't release anybody else until we at least had dental records," Bridges said.

A federal forensics team of 50 to 75 disaster mortuary specialists has been at work in six refrigerated trucks, collecting DNA samples for testing, taking fingerprints and looking for tattoos, body piercings, moles and other distinctive marks. Bridges expected as many as 19 bodies would be released Thursday.

He said he's been explaining the reason for the delays to grieving families "all day long."

"It breaks my heart," he said.

Obama signs Patriot Act extension with autopen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress on Thursday passed a four-year extension of post-Sept. 11 powers to search records and conduct roving wiretaps in pursuit of terrorists. Votes taken in rapid succession in the Senate and House came after lawmakers rejected attempts to temper the law enforcement powers to ensure that individual liberties are not abused.

Following the 250-153 evening vote in the House, the legislation to renew three terrorism-fighting authorities headed for the president's signature with only hours to go before the



Obama

provisions expire at midnight.

With Obama currently in France, the White House said the president would use an autopen machine that holds a pen and signs his actual signature. It is only used with proper authorization of the president. Minutes before the midnight deadline, the White House said Obama had signed the bill.

A short-term expiration would not interrupt ongoing operations but would bar the government from seeking warrants for new investigations.

Congress bumped up against the deadline mainly because of

the stubborn resistance from a single senator, Republican freshman Rand Paul of Kentucky, who saw the terrorist-hunting powers as an abuse of privacy rights. Paul held up the final vote for several days while he demanded a chance to change the bill to diminish the government's ability to monitor individual actions. The bill passed the Senate 72-23.

The measure would add four years to the legal life of roving wiretaps—those authorized for a person rather than a communications line or device—of court-ordered searches of business records and of surveillance of non-American "lone wolf" suspects without confirmed ties to terrorist groups.

The roving wiretaps and access

to business records are small parts of the USA Patriot Act enacted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But unlike most of the act, which is permanent law, those provisions must be renewed periodically because of concerns that they could be used to violate privacy rights. The same applies to the "lone wolf" provision, which was part of a 2004 intelligence law.

Paul argued that in the rush to meet the terrorist threat in 2001 Congress enacted a Patriot Act that tramples on individual liberties. He had some backing from liberal Democrats and civil liberties groups who have long contended the law gives the government authority to spy on innocent citizens.

Astronaut eager for 1st look at wife from orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Shuttle Endeavour's commander, Mark Kelly, can't wait to see his congresswoman wife for the first time from orbit and show her some cosmic views of his spaceship and the planet Earth.

Kelly last saw Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on May 15, the day before he rocketed into

space on the next-to-last shuttle flight. Giffords underwent surgery a few days later to repair her skull. She was critically wounded in a shooting in January. The half-hour videoconference is planned for Friday.

Kelly said Thursday that his wife still has bandages around her head, so he won't be able to see

the results of her skull reconstruction. Doctors put in a synthetic implant to replace bone that was removed to allow for swelling after the shooting at a political event.

"I haven't really thought about what to expect," Kelly said in a news conference from the International Space Station.

Kelly said he speaks daily to

Giffords, using the space station phone. It's usually at the end of his work day in space, which is her morning in Houston. She's upbeat as always, he noted.

"It will be nice to do it via video, be able to see how she's doing and for her to join us on board the space station for a little bit," he said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Lawyer: Sex lawsuit involving Ga. pastor resolved

ATLANTA (AP)—Lawsuits brought by four young men who accused a Georgia megachurch pastor of sexual misconduct have been resolved, attorneys for both sides said Thursday, bringing a quiet end to a blockbuster legal complaint that targeted a powerful national religious leader. Both sides declined to discuss terms of the deal, other than to say the civil suits in state court would not go forward against Bishop Eddie Long, pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church. The four young men had alleged Long abused his spiritual authority and coerced them into sexual relations with gifts including cars, cash and travel when they were 17.

Officer killed after collision at funeral

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Southern California motorcycle officer was killed and another was injured Thursday after they crashed while escorting a

police funeral procession. Officer Andrew Garton, 44, of the Hawthorne Police Department died after a collision with Sgt. Rex Fowler of the El Segundo Police Department. Garton was thrown into oncoming traffic and struck a sedan head-on, Torrance police Sgt. Jeremiah Hart said. Fowler suffered a broken leg but his condition was stable, Hart said. The driver of the sedan was uninjured.

Man gets 30 years for abandoning girl, killing mom

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP)—A New Jersey man has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for strangling his girlfriend, then abandoning their young daughter at a gas station in Delaware. Twenty-seven-year-old Dwayne Jackson of Edison appeared remorseful Thursday at his sentencing hearing in New Brunswick. He said he prays he'll someday be forgiven for the crimes. Jackson pleaded guilty in April to murder and child endangerment charges.

Asia

Suicide truck bomb kills at least 32 in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A suicide bomber in a pickup truck detonated his explosives near several government offices in northwest Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least 32 people, in the latest violence to hit the country since the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. Its devastation was likely to add to criticism of the government, already under fire over the unilateral U.S. operation to kill the al-Qaida chief and the mounting bloodshed since.

The attack came as Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, landed in Pakistan for talks with top military and civilian leaders. Earlier Thursday, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton stressed the importance of strengthening Washington-Islamabad ties, which have frayed badly since the bin Laden raid.

Hangu is located just outside Pakistan's lawless tribal regions bordering Afghanistan. The tribal areas have long been havens for al-Qaida and other militants, including Pakistani Taliban fighters, who oppose the Pakistani government because of its alliance with the United States.

The bomb went off near several government buildings, including the district commissioner's office. Those buildings for the most part escaped the blast, officials said, but many shops and other structures near-by were damaged.

At least 32 people were killed and 56 were wounded, said a Pakistani official, Mir Chaman Khan. Most of the victims were civilians, including many in a nearby restaurant. Around 900 pounds (400 kilograms) of explosives were used, said Masood Afridi, a high-ranking police official.

The May 2 U.S. raid that killed bin Laden damaged the

Pakistani government and military's reputation, with many Pakistanis asking how bin Laden could have hidden in an army town, and how the Americans managed to enter the country, carry out the raid and leave Pakistani airspace without being detected.

On Thursday a U.S. official said Pakistan has agreed to allow the CIA access to bin Laden's compound. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the contacts, did not say when this would happen.

Since the raid, Pakistani Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for several major attacks in Pakistan, including an extraordinary 18-hour siege of a naval base that killed 10 people, saying they were retaliating for the bin Laden killing. The attacks have further embarrassed the government and the country's powerful security establishment.

Japanese from nuke town make brief visit to homes

TAMURA, Japan (AP)—Donning white protective suits, neighbors of Japan's radiation-leaking nuclear plant returned home Thursday for the first time since March when the crisis began. But they barely had time to fill garbage bags with belongings and pray at a makeshift shrine before they had to leave.

Some residents lit incense in Namie, one of the deserted, evacuated towns frozen in time since March 11. Debris is still piled several stories high there, with a ship resting precariously atop one heap.

Tens of thousands of people were evacuated from towns near the plant soon after Japan's massive March 11 earthquake and tsunami flooded the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex, which then began spewing radiation. Local officials and

nuclear experts escorted several dozen of them back for a two-hour visit Thursday.

"It was just like it was when the quake hit," said Anna Takano, a 17-year-old high school student from Futaba, home to the plant. "It felt very strange."

Takano said she packed up as much clothing from her home as she could and then made a 10-minute visit to her family grave site.

For most, it was the first time they had been able to check on homes and possessions. Similar visits began earlier for towns farther away from the plant, but Thursday's excursion went deeper into the 12-mile (20-kilometer) no-go zone around the plant than any before it.

Many evacuees from the nuclear zone did not realize how

long the crisis would drag on and left with only the clothes they were wearing and their purses or wallets.

Due to radiation concerns, officials allowed only two people per household to return and let them stay at their homes only for two hours. They gave residents no more than one large black plastic bag for collecting things, because of space restrictions and fears of contamination.

"I planned very carefully what I would get," said Mikio Tadano, an architect, also from Futaba. "I wanted to get my writing tools, my bankbook, and my daughter's school uniform."

Tadano said his daughter had transferred to a new school outside the zone where she was one of only four students without a uniform—all of them evacuees.

James Latham Peters, 61, who worked as an anesthesiologist at the Melbourne clinic, was charged with 54 counts each of conduct endangering life, negligently causing serious injury and recklessly causing serious injury. The most serious charge carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

HK police charge Nina Wang feng shui master

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong police lodged forgery charges on Thursday against a feng shui master who tried to inherit the multibillion-dollar fortune of late developer Nina Wang, news reports said. No plea was taken from Tony Chan chun-chuen when he appeared in a Hong Kong court and he was freed after his brother posted a bond of 20 million Hong Kong dollars (\$2.6 million), local broadcaster RTHK said. The case was adjourned until July 8. Chan was arrested in February last year after a court ruled that a will purportedly leaving Wang's estate to him was a forgery. He was later released on bail.

ASIAN BRIEFS

US official: CIA to get access to bin Laden house

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A U.S. official says Pakistan has agreed to give the CIA access to the compound where Osama bin Laden lived before his killing in a May 2 raid by Navy SEALs. The compound is in the northwest Pakistani garrison town of Abbottabad. It includes a 3-story house where the al-Qaida chief is believed to have lived for five years. It was not clear exactly when the CIA would get to visit the facility. The U.S. official said Thursday that while it's likely that Pakistani intelligence has already searched the compound, the CIA still hopes to find fingerprints or other clues. The official requested anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomatic negotiations.

Australian doctor accused of infecting patients

SYDNEY (AP)—An Australian doctor was charged Friday with endangering his patients' lives after police alleged he infected nearly 50 women with hepatitis C at an abortion clinic.

World

Serbia arrests Mladic on war crimes charges

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)—After 16 years on the run, a frail and haggard Ratko Mladic was hauled before a judge Thursday—the first step in facing charges for international war crimes, including the slaughter of 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica in 1995.

No longer the fearsome, bull-necked military commander, Mladic was arrested by intelligence agents in a raid before dawn at a relative's house in a village in northern Serbia. The act was trumpeted by the government as a victory for a country worthy of European Union membership and Western embrace.

Mladic, 69, was one of the world's most-wanted fugitives. He was the top commander of the Bosnian Serb army during Bosnia's 1992-95 war, which killed more than 100,000 people and drove another 1.8 million from their homes. Thousands of Muslims and Croats were killed, tortured or driven out in a campaign to purge the region of non-Serbs.



In this handout image released by the Serbian government Thursday, May 26, 2011, Ratko Mladic enters court in Belgrade, Thursday, May 26, 2011.

He was accused by the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes for the massacre of Muslims by Bosnian Serb forces in eastern Bosnia and the relentless four-year siege of Sarajevo.

On Thursday evening, Mladic walked haltingly into a closed-door extradition hearing in Belgrade, where he as-

serted through his attorney that he will not answer to the authority of the U.N. tribunal.

The former military commander wore a navy blue jacket and a baseball hat—his gray hair sticking out of the sides—and carried what appeared to be a towel in his left hand. He could be heard on state TV saying "good day" to someone in the courtroom, and a guard told him, "Let's go, general."

Libyan premier says he's ready to talk to rebels

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libya's government pushed a cease-fire proposal Thursday and said for the first time it was prepared to speak with its rebel adversaries, signaling that months of fighting and NATO bombardment may be closer to forcing some concessions.

Even so, the government insisted Moammar Gadhafi would not relinquish power, which he has held for more than 40 years. His departure is a key demand of the United States, European leaders and the rebels, who say they will not consider halting more than three months of fighting until Gadhafi goes.

"The leader, Moammar Gadhafi, is in the heart of every Libyan. If he leaves, the entire Libyan people leave," said Prime Minister Al-Bagha-

dadi al-Mahmoudi.

He told reporters in the Libyan capital Thursday that he was willing to hold talks with "all Libyans," including members of the rebel administration based in the eastern city of Benghazi.

Officials from Gadhafi's regime said before they would not speak to the rebel government, arguing that it did not represent Libyans.

Also Thursday, three rebel fighters were killed and 20 others wounded in clashes with government forces near the western city of Misrata, said Dr. Mustafa Taha from the city's central Hikma Hospital. It was unclear if any government soldiers died in the clash, about 14 miles (22 kilometers) west of the city, the only one under

rebel control near Tripoli.

Late Thursday, at least five explosions were heard in Tripoli from NATO airstrikes. The targets were not immediately identified. Libyan gunners aimed anti-aircraft fire at the planes. Smoke was seen rising from the area of Gadhafi's compound, a frequent target of NATO airstrikes.

In London, a person with knowledge of the situation said Britain has agreed in principle to supply Apache attack helicopters to the NATO effort. The person insisted on anonymity because no announcement was made. France has agreed to supply attack helicopters, which could hit pinpoint targets more easily than planes but would also be vulnerable to ground fire.

WORLD BRIEFS

Security Council: Somalia risks losing support

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—The U.N. Security Council is warning Somali leaders that they risk losing financial support if they can't agree on how to carry out upcoming elections. Somalia's government depends on international support for almost everything, including the salaries of soldiers and lawmakers. Around 9,000 African Union troops are stationed in Mogadishu to prevent the government from being overrun by militants.

The British ambassador to the United Nations, Mark Lyall Grant, told a news conference in neighboring Kenya on Wednesday that the European Union could pull funding for lawmakers.

29 dead after drug gangs battle in west Mexico

MORELIA, Mexico (AP)—A gunbattle between rival drug gangs in western Mexico left 29 bodies in fake military uniforms heaped across a roadway and inside bullet-riddled vehicles in the Pacific

coast state of Nayarit, the army said Thursday. The bodies, all male, were found Wednesday scattered around 14 shot-up pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles, two of which had bulletproofing. Television images of the scene near the town of Ruiz showed what appeared to have been a convoy of cartel vehicles that was ambushed or engaged by another column of gunmen on a stretch of rural highway. Military-style boots, bulletproof vests, hand grenades and thousands of rounds of ammunition were found at the scene.

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PINOY LIFE IN THE MARIANAS

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PH Independence Day preparations heat up

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The proclamation designating June as the Northern Mariana Islands–Philippines Friendship Month kicked off activities celebrating the 113th anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence on June 12.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed the proclamation at the Department of Public Health Secretary's conference room on May 25, witnessed by officials and staff of the Philippine Consulate General, the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and members of the Filipino community.

Inos, in his proclamation, said the Commonwealth and the Philippines have been brought together by many similarities that include their Christian faith, Spanish heritage, shared struggle for freedom and democracy, and intermarriages among its people. This relationship, he said, was further enhanced by the arrival of skilled Filipino workers on the islands years ago.

"The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands recognizes the important cultural and economic contributions of Filipinos and those of Filipino ancestry to the socio-economic development and progress of the Commonwealth," said Inos.

After signing the proclamation, Inos recounted his experience of being presumed a Filipino when he first set foot in the Philippines despite presenting a U.S. passport.

"I am especially happy that many of you call the CNMI and Saipan home. We are just one big family and let's continue to be that way," he told his delight-



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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos is joined by officials and staff of the Philippine Consul General office on Saipan and members of the Filipino community after signing the proclamation declaring June as Northern Mariana Islands–Philippines Friendship Month at the Public Health Secretary's conference room on May 25.

Pistang Pinoy promises fun, sights, and sounds

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This year's *Pistang Pinoy* or Filipino Fiesta, one of the biggest events of the United Filipino Organization, will be held once again at the Civic Center in Susupe.

"The event will be held from 10am until about 6pm. We're proud to announce that a lot of Filipino performers and other community members have inquired about *Pistang Pinoy*," UFO president Bong Malasarte said yesterday.

He noted that the 2011 *Pistang Pinoy*, which celebrates the an-

niversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence, will take place on June 12, the actual anniversary date.

This year's theme is "*Balikatan Tungo sa Maunlad na Samahan*."

Malasarte said *Pistang Pinoy* will follow after the flag raising ceremony and program organized by the Philippine Consulate General at 7:30am at the Marianas Business Plaza grounds.

According to Malasarte, several performing groups and sports enthusiasts have already signed up for some of the program's activities, which include

cultural presentations and the 3-on-3 basketball league.

The president of some 30 Filipino organizations on Saipan said they are looking at selling souvenir t-shirts and conducting raffle draws to raise funds for UFO.

However, Malasarte said officers have decided to scrap the plan to hold cockfights in conjunction with *Pistang Pinoy*.

"We don't have enough time to make the necessary arrangements for the cockfight," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "We will probably hold it as a fundraising event probably after *Pistang Pinoy*."

Malasarte urged all community members, particularly members of all Filipino organizations on island, to take part in this year's festivities.

"Even though times are tough and challenging, we should keep a positive and cheerful disposition by having fun at *Pistang Pinoy*," he said.

For more information, contact Minda Castro at 989-0604 or Olive Yana at 285-7893 for the program. For the 3-on-3 game, call Bong Malasarte at 287-5525. For sponsorships, call Boy Ching at 287-6046 or overall committee chair Nel Atalig at 789-7805.

ed audience.

Inos urged both communities to continue their camaraderie and work together for the future.

For his part, Consul General Medardo Macaraig recognized the uncertainties and challenges that affect the relationship between the two communities, including global and local

economic crisis and the lack of transitional worker regulations.

"Despite the seeming helplessness of the situation, Filipinos continue to be grateful for the opportunities that the CNMI has offered. Filipinos remain in solidarity with our Chamorro, Carolinian, American and other friends in our common desire

for the development and progress of the Northern Marianas," he said.

'Strengthen good relationship'

United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte, who also attended the proclamation signing, echoed Inos and Macar-

aig's sentiments, urging all Filipinos on island to foster their good relationship with their Chamorro and Carolinian brothers.

"We need to strengthen our relationship with the community which we have called home for so many years," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Malasarte also emphasized

that Filipinos should continue providing community service for the Commonwealth.

"In these tough times, it should be a give-and-take situation. That means we Filipinos need to give back to the island community," he said.

When asked about the issue of transitional worker regulations, Malasarte urged Filipino workers to prepare for whatever would be the decision of the federal government.

"We can't do anything about it. So instead of just waiting for something good to happen, we should just focus on working hard and prepare for our future," he advised.

The celebration of the 113th anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence will be highlighted by a flag raising ceremony at 7:30am on June 12 at the Marianas Business Plaza grounds followed by the *Pistang Pinoy* (Filipino Fiesta) festivities at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Macaraig said the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal on June 19 will also be commemorated this month.

Pineda earns bartending stripes with win at Taste

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There is more to bartending than meets the eye. For Saipan World Resort Food and Beverage staff Marlon Pineda, it was the riveting thrill of tossing and expertly catching the bottles that first captivated his interest.

"I've always been fascinated whenever I see bartenders throw colorful bottles up in the air with much flair. That's why my curiosity got the better of me," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Pineda's bartending skills, which he developed through con-

stant practice after his job serving beverages to hotel customers, won him the "Burnett's Flavored Vodka Challenge" Bartender Cocktail Competition at the Taste of the Marianas last May 21.

He defeated nine other candidates from various hotels and bars for his creation, "Marianas Punch," made up of Burnett's coconut-flavored vodka, strawberry puree, triple sec, Coco Lopez, and pineapple juice.

Pineda first arrived on Saipan in 1998 as a wait staff for the newly opened Hard Rock Café. "In 2006, I started working at World Resort where I initially

worked as a wait staff as well."

Only a few months in his new job, Pineda requested to be stationed at the hotel bar to learn more about bartending. "I watched bartending demonstrations at GIG and Taste of the Marianas. I was so intrigued that I really wanted to become skilled at it."

Pineda said he practiced during break time and after work, with the carpeted Royal Taga Hall serving as his training ground. He would even work on plastic flair bottles

when he and his son go out of the house for a leisurely stroll.

It didn't come easy though, Pineda said. "You're not just

throwing bottles in the air per se. You have to throw it with style, add a few skills such as making the bottle fly in a circle and catch it in a shaker or flip the bottle behind your back and have it land on your fingers."

A father of two, Pineda recalled how his 6-year old son would sometimes tease him to change his tricks in bartending. "He



Pineda

would really teach me, 'daddy do this' or 'daddy don't do that,'" he narrated with a smile.

"I got so absorbed that I would sleep with the flair bottles next to me," he quipped. "My wife sometimes gets pissed."

When he's not honing his bartending skills, Pineda said he would prepare cocktail drinks, which he favors over any other alcoholic drinks. Long Island Iced Tea is his preferred brew, he said. "I like it because you only need two glasses and you're all right."

Pineda said he would like to undergo formal bartending training if given the chance. "Hopefully someday, I can join an international competition, too."

Pineda feels fortunate and blessed to have the support of his loving family—his wife Jena, son Marlon Jr., and daughter Nhia Mikyla—who inspire him in what he does. He is also thankful to World Resort general manager Myong Park and F&B manager Ronald Sanchez who back him up in his bartending endeavors.

"For those who aspire to become good bartenders, go for it, give it your best shot, and surround yourself with people who matter to you and support you all the way," he added.

The bartending competition was organized by the Northern Marianas Bartenders Association.

Ampatuan jailer gets the boot

» Aquino concerned about special treatment for Ampatuans

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BANGKOK, Thailand—President Aquino has expressed concern about the reported laxity of prison officials who allowed former Maguindanao Gov. Andal Ampatuan Sr. to roam around the premises of the jail at Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig City.

As this developed, Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo relieved Camp Bagong Diwa jail warden Chief Insp. Glennford Valdepenas, following the publication of photos presented by Maguindanao Gov. Esmel Mangudadatu Thursday showing pictures of Ampatuan moving freely around the prison. Earlier in the week, jail officials rebuffed prosecutors and members of the media who wanted to inspect the cells of the Ampatuans.

Speaking with reporters covering his two-day state visit here on Thursday night, Aquino said this was not the first time he had been told of the alleged special treatment afforded to the jailed members of the influential Ampatuan clan.

He said he had not heard previously that the Ampatuan patriarch had been photographed outside the jail, “but I want to see if there were really such photos,” the President said when asked if he had been apprised of the photographs that Mangudadatu showed journalists.

According to the President, Robredo informed him that he had led a surprise inspection of the building, where Ampatuan and other clan members accused of slaughtering 57 people in Maguindanao, were detained.

“What I know is that he received such a report for at least three or four instances. He went there not less than twice on a random day, but he did not see those [alleged special treatment],” Aquino said.

Relieved

Robredo declared that Valdepenas would be placed under preventive suspension effective Friday while undergoing a probe. Bureau of Jail Management and Penology director Rosendo Dial has temporarily taken over his post.

Robredo also directed Undersecretary Puno to investigate the allegations of Gov. Mangudadatu of special treatment for the patriarch of the prominent Mindanao clan who is allegedly behind the massacre of 57 persons, including more than 30 journalists.

The interior secretary said the probe would involve verifying the pictures and video presented by Mangudadatu, as well as the dates they were taken, to determine if the Ampatuans had been given privileges beyond what are allowed, and who had dispensed these.

Valdepenas, he noted, was as-



Members of the Civilian Volunteers Organization, suspects in the Nov. 23, 2009 massacre of at least 57 people, including more than 30 journalists and staff, in Maguindanao province in southern Philippines, attend the resumption of the trial inside their detention Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at the southern Manila suburb of Bicutan. Andal Ampatuan Sr., the patriarch of the powerful Ampatuan clan, the prime suspects in the massacre, did not show up in the hearing Wednesday.

signed at Bicutan only last April 7 and should at least be given the chance to explain.

If anybody is proven to have violated jail rules, “heads will roll” up to the level of the jail warden, Robredo said in a phone interview.

“If the allegations are true, immediate disciplinary action will be imposed, and there will be replacement of personnel at Bicutan,” he vowed.

Proof

Angered by the refusal of jail officials to allow prosecutors and members of the media to inspect the cells of the suspected masterminds of the November 2009 Maguindanao massacre, Mangudadatu presented photos showing Ampatuan freely moving around the high-security prison.

“If you have the money, there is no law,” Mangudadatu, who lost his wife, sisters and other kin in the massacre, had complained to reporters.

He said he had a “more explosive” video proving that Ampatuan Sr., the patriarch of the powerful clan and a former governor of Maguindanao, was enjoying special treatment from jail officials.

Earlier, tension ran high in the jail warden’s office when Mangudadatu, prosecutors, and other kin of the massacre victims insisted on an on-the-spot inspection of the Ampatuans’ cells at the maximum-security prison of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology.

“You do not want us to inspect the jail cells? Then I’ll come out with my evidence. I won’t be saying this if I did not have the proof,” the infuriated Mangudadatu said.

“With just this USB, the bureau could collapse. And I have a video that’s more incriminating,” he said, holding up the USB that had the digital copies of his photo evidence.

In living color

Mangudadatu showed the pictures to members of the media using his laptop. He said the pictures were taken this year but did not disclose who took them and how.

“OK, they won’t agree [to the inspection]? Let’s see who gets fired,” he said.

One photo shows Ampatuan Sr., wearing brown shorts and a blue shirt, sitting in the basketball court outside the prison building with 13 guests standing in front of him. High-risk prisoners are allowed only two guests at a time.

Another photo shows him, again in the basketball court, with a woman purportedly his wife. The woman is shown using a mobile phone, which is not allowed inside the prison compound.

A third photo shows Ampatuan Sr., still in the basketball court, with two men whom Mangudadatu identified as inmates acting as the patriarch’s masseur and cook and “who are also allowed to go out of their cells.”

Other photos show vehicles purportedly owned by the Ampatuans parked outside the prison compound.

“Their vehicles are also allowed inside the prison compound. It’s like they’re feasting,” Mangudadatu said. “What are they doing there when the guards are supposed to be strict about visiting hours?”

Inmates’ relatives and lawyers are allowed to visit from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays to Fridays, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. No visits are allowed on Mondays.

Hotel sighting

Private prosecutor Harry Roque claimed that two lawyers had seen Ampatuan Sr. at a five-star hotel in Pasay City, and that he had reported this to Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo.

“If they’re not hiding anything, why don’t they allow an inspection?” Roque said.

Mangudadatu said Robredo should conduct a full-blown investigation of the purported perks being afforded the Ampatuans by BJMP officials assigned to the prison camp.

“This is being done here,” he said. “Higher-ups, especially P-Noy (President Benigno Aquino III), would not have allowed this.”

But the warden, J/Chief Insp. Glennford Valdepenas, denied that Ampatuan Sr. was being given special treatment.

Valdepenas said he assumed his position only on April 7 and did not recall any instance of Ampatuan Sr. being brought to the basketball court.

But he pointed out that inmates were given time to exercise outside their cells under the prisoners’ welfare program.

Valdepenas said he had not seen Mangudadatu’s pictures but that he was ready to be investigated.

He said defense lawyers had access to the inmates 24 hours a day and insisted that Ampatuan Sr. was never allowed to leave for a hotel during his watch.

“If that had happened, he wouldn’t have returned,” the warden said.

Judge’s permission

Defense lawyer George Narvasa said that if the prosecution had evidence that Ampatuan Sr. was being given special treatment, they should present it in court.

He added that the prosecution should get the proper authorization from the BJMP if it wanted to inspect the suspects’ cells.

But Judge Jocelyn Solis Reyes said on Wednesday that the prosecution could inspect the cells and only needed to coordinate with the BJMP.

“Yes, as long as proper coordination is made,” Reyes said.

Mangudadatu, the prosecutors, and the kin of the other massacre victims prepared a written request late on Wednesday.

They intended to conduct an inspection at around noon Thursday and went to the warden’s office to get his approval.

Valdepenas remained in his room and did not meet with them.

The group waited for 20 minutes until a woman official relayed the warden’s decision: Only one lawyer from the prosecution and one from the defense could conduct the inspection.

“By now, they would have already been able to remove the movable air-conditioner and the [Internet] router upstairs,” Mangudadatu said.

Angry encounter

Roque initially suggested that the group agree that only one lawyer from the prosecution go up to inspect the cells. But another private prosecutor, Gemma Oquendo, who lost her father and sister in the massacre, insisted that there should be two for security.

A defense lawyer, Arnel Manaloto, arrived and said that he would not allow an inspection. Manaloto was often seen sitting beside and talking with the principal suspect, Andal Ampatuan Jr., when the latter used to attend the trial hearings.

Mangudadatu and his brothers earlier identified the man as “Manaloto” but later said he was Philip Ang.

Narvasa said the defense team had no lawyer named Philip Ang but there was an Arnel Manaloto with them.

A check with the Supreme Court attendance sheet, which all trial attendees have to sign, showed no Philip Ang. But Manaloto’s name was there.

The massacre victims’ kin became furious when they noticed that Manaloto freely moved

around the warden’s office. The lawyer was about to casually open the door to Valdepenas’ room when they called him out.

“Wow, pare, you’re just going to enter while we’ve been waiting here,” said Mangudadatu’s brother, Mayor Khadafy Mangudadatu of Buluan, Maguindanao.

“Kilalanin mo kami lahat (Look at us). We’re the victims. You should be helping us,” he said.

Governor Mangudadatu called out to Manaloto: “When did you bring a gun inside, Attorney?”

The brothers taunted Manaloto, saying he had become “a son” of Ampatuan Sr. and “a guard” in the prison compound.

“Let’s not insult each other. Let’s be civil,” Manaloto said before leaving.

The governor patted him on the shoulder as he was going out, but a relative of one of the victims gave him a pinch.

No, thanks

Mangudadatu and lawyer Oquendo returned late Thursday afternoon to the prison compound after BJMP chief Rosendo Dial arrived to lead an inspection.

Oquendo said the jail officials had agreed to allow both private and public prosecutors to join the inspection. But the prosecution turned it down, saying that by then, “the Ampatuans would have been ready [to be inspected].”

At Thursday’s hearing, Ma. Cipriana Gatchalian testified how she and her four daughters suffered when her husband, journalist Santos Gatchalian, was killed in the massacre.

Her family is seeking at least P16 million in damages.

Judge Reyes said the trial would resume on June 1.

She is expected to issue today (Friday) a ruling on the motions to have Ampatuan Sr. and the other accused finally arraigned in court.

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HONORARY DEGREE

Philippines' President Benigno Aquino III, right, is presented with an honorary doctorate degree on philosophy (Economics) by Kamphol Adulwittaya, chairman of Kasetsart University Council, during a ceremony at Kasetsart University in Bangkok, Thailand Friday, May 27, 2011. The Filipino president is on the last day of his two-day state visit to Thailand. AP

Fil-Am kills wife, university classmate, then kills self

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The husband of a Filipino-American graduating business student at San Jose State University shot and killed her and a male classmate in a car in a campus parking garage then turned the gun on himself, authorities said Thursday.

Victims Marcory Tarlit "Cyndy" Caliguiran, 25, and Thomas "Kyle" Williams, 26, were honor students who were about to graduate with accounting degrees from SJSU, school spokesperson Pat Lopes Harris said.

Police said they were sitting inside a black Mercedes Benz Tuesday night when Napoleon Lavarias Caliguiran, 54, fired multiple shots from outside the vehicle owned by the married couple.

The gunman then turned the gun on himself.

Police said the victims died on the spot, while the gunman died later at Valley Medical Center.

Campus police Peter Decena said they have yet to determine a motive for the attack, and said it was being investigated as a domestic violence incident.

Decena said Napoleon Caliguiran had no known criminal record.

University Professor Howard Turetsky told the San Jose Mercury News that both

victims were honor students who were members of Beta Alpha Psi, an honors organization for accounting and finance students.

Both students were expected to graduate this month. Williams had already been hired by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Not much was known about Cindy's relationship with her husband, other than she was married and they lived at the Elan apartments in North San Jose.

Cyndy Caliguiran's parents live in the Philippines and could not be reached for immediate comment.

Newark resident Mike Supnet, Napoleon's brother-in-law by his first marriage, said Caliguiran was a nice guy who had married Cyndy about three years ago after a 25-year first marriage.

"I have nothing to say bad about the guy," said Supnet. "Something snaps, something happens, we don't know. Sometimes the water fills the glass and spills over the glass and that's what happened."

Supnet said he has no idea how the couple met, but said Napoleon's children, both professionals, accepted Cyndy and treated her well. He did not know much about Cyndy either.

When San Jose State University police arrived at the parking garage Tuesday

night, they found the two students fatally shot inside the car, as well as Napoleon and a gun nearby. He died later at Valley Medical Center. Authorities have not disclosed a possible motive for the shooting.

The Caliguirans lived at the Elan apartments in North San Jose, a very high-density development where two-bedroom, two-bathroom units rent for \$2,000 a month. Two weeks ago, there was so much stomping from the Caliguirans' upstairs apartment that the downstairs neighbor called security.

Still, any type of violence erupting from Napoleon surprised his former brother-in-law.

"I dropped my jaw and felt sick to my stomach," Supnet said. "I cannot even believe he could pick up a gun and shoot somebody. This guy is not a monster. He's a nice guy."

Williams was recently recognized during a campus ceremony for making the President's List with a 4.0 average, said his father, Thomas Anthony Williams.

The elder Williams said his son had been happily married for three years and was scheduled to start a job with PricewaterhouseCoopers in San Jose in the fall.

"He was our only son, we were so proud of him, for what he did and for the future he had created for himself. The whole family is just devastated," the elder Williams said. **INQUIRER.net**



Caliguiran

US govt to promote citizenship in ad campaign

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The federal government will run a national advertising campaign to encourage more immigrants to become American citizens and become more integrated into society, officials said on Wednesday.

The multilingual effort aims to reach roughly 7.9 million immigrants who are eligible to file applications to naturalize but haven't done so. Many immigrants work, raise a family and go to school while holding green cards and only think about citizenship when they need to travel or abroad or when elections roll around and they can't vote, immigration officials said.

The campaign in print, radio and digital media that will run primarily in Califor-

nia, New York, Florida and Texas between May 30 and Labor Day aims to put citizenship in the forefront of people's minds and give them personal stories of immigrants who have naturalized.

"You've got to create that sense of urgency, and until they've reached that sense of urgency, they'll just coast," said Nathan Stiefel, division chief of policy and programs for the Office of Citizenship at US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

It is the first time the immigration agency has launched a paid advertising campaign to promote American citizenship, said Mariana Gitomer, an agency spokeswoman. The effort—which will cost \$3.5 million over three years—is part of an \$11

million allotment by Congress to encourage greater immigrant integration.

Immigration experts say many immigrants don't apply for citizenship because they fear they don't speak English well enough or because they haven't felt a pressing need to do so.

About 64 percent of immigrants naturalize and it takes them on average nine-and-a-half years to apply to do so, Stiefel said.

The ad campaign includes portraits of immigrants born in China, Vietnam, Mexico, Dominican Republic and the Philippines who indicate they are "proud Americans" and share snippets of their personal stories starting a business, educating their families and even running for office.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Should bonds be part of my portfolio?

By EFREN LL. CRUZ, RFP
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Question: CNBC cable channel has a scroll listing Philippines 10-year bonds at 7 percent or 8 percent. Are there such bonds? Are they Government of Philippines bonds? How does one buy them?—Thomas

Answer: Before we answer the question, let's talk about investing in general and then bonds in particular.

Some people say investing is age-related. To a certain extent this is true. The older we get, the less time we have to recover from a loss. Thus, we tend to be more conservative with how we invest our hard-earned and limited wealth the older we get. So does this mean that rules of thumb like the "100 minus your age rule" are to be followed to the letter? The "100 minus your age rule" says that the difference between 100 and your age represents the percentage of your portfolio that should be invested in stocks.

Rules of thumb give you wisdom in bite sizes. But blindly following rules of thumb can sometimes get your "thumb bitten off." If we were to take the "100 minus your age rule" literally, what advice can we give to the current oldest man in the world who just turned 114? And even if we are just talking about an 80 year old, should that person be 20 percent invested in stocks? Having seniors who are aggressive and living in the Philippines would indeed be few and far between.

There is a rule in investing, which is more like a law. Risk goes up the higher the potential return and the longer the time an instrument requires money to be invested. Looking at the three major categories of investment instruments, these could be ranked from the lowest to the highest risk levels as follows: money market, bonds and stocks.

But what is a bond in the first place? A bond represents the debt of its issuer. The issuer can be a company or a government. Typically, the issuer of the bond pays interest periodically each year and repays the original amount invested in the bond on the bond's maturity date. I didn't exactly catch the CNBC scroll listing but I am sure they were referring to bonds available in the Philippines.

There are also zero coupon bonds where the issuer does not pay interest during the life of the bond. Instead, on the bond's maturity date, the issuer pays an amount that is higher than the original amount placed by investors.

Bonds can have a fixed maturity or be perpetual, thus behaving more like stocks, which also have no maturity. But one thing is sure and that is bonds are long-term investments.

In the Philippines, bonds are currently issued in pesos, US dollars and euro's. RoPs (Republic of the Philippines) refers to the US dollar-denominated debt of the Philippine government. They are traded locally and internationally. A recent addition is the Global Peso bond of the government that is also traded locally and internationally.

One thing great about investing in bonds in the Philippines is that they can be tax-exempt provided their original maturity is not less than five years, that the bonds are issued by banks, that the investor of the bond is an individual and that the investor holds on to the bonds for at least five years. Individual investors can enjoy tax-exemption with bonds issued by non-banks provided they invest in these bonds through investment management accounts (IMAs) or living trusts (LTs). Now where can investors get a hold of IMAs and LTs? Why through the trust departments of banks that hold Bureau of Internal Revenue rulings that their IMAs and LTs, when invested in bonds of non-banks, are tax-exempt. Please note that there are minimum investment requirement for IMAs and LTs.

But what about buying bonds directly? Bonds in the Philippines are bought and sold through SEC-licensed and Philippine Dealing Exchange (PDEX)-accredited brokers. For a complete listing of these brokers, log on to pdex.com.ph and click on "Home," "Trading Participants" and "Public Market." You can also find the latest bond prices in this site. Bonds that are not traded on PDEX can be bought from and sold by banks.

Now, should bonds be part of your investment portfolio? Bonds present a great way of spreading the risk in investing. They are relatively safer than stocks and provide higher returns than money market instruments (e.g. time deposits and treasury bills).

How much of bonds at what age? That depends on your prevailing investment return objective and risk preference. There is no rule of thumb here. Plus there is more to bonds than meets the eye. This column is not intended as a recommendation to buy or sell securities. So do ask a financial adviser for help.

Happy investing.

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Maharlika – PinoyStyle

Who is Fe GingGing Hyde and why did she win best actress?

By **BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.**
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

She can very well go down in history as the first Urian best actress named GingGing—joining the league of Nora, Vilma and Sharon.

Surely, Fe GingGing Hyde—who bested awards favorites like Jodi Santamaria, Laurice Guillen and Meryll Soriano for the top plum—came in totally from the cold.

But her work in Arnel Mardoquio's "Sheika" was so powerful that the country's finicky critics simply couldn't ignore her, even if most mainstream industry insiders have no idea who she is.

"To win the same award won by Nora Aunor, Vilma Santos and Sharon Cuneta is overwhelming," she said.

Fe GingGing, a Dubai-based Filipina singer, self-deprecatingly described herself as a "wife and mother—my full-time job."

Her being a singer, actress and indie film producer (of "Sheika") are just "hobbies," she told Inquirer Entertain-



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ment in an e-mail interview.

(She wasn't able to attend the awards ceremony last week because she was in Dubai, taking care of her family.)

She portrayed a liberated Muslim congresswoman in Mardoquio's similarly Urian-nominated "Hospital Boat" last year, but "Sheika" is her first full-length film.

She seemed undaunted even if the role "was very challenging, especially for a first-timer," she confessed.

In "Sheika" she plays Bai Fatmawatti, a mother pushed to madness and violence after the brutal murder of her sons in war-torn Mindanao.

To prepare, she took a three-day acting workshop with teacher Gabby Fernandez. She went to great lengths to perfect the part—including shaving her head.

Transformation

It was a complete physical transformation, she recalled: "I needed to lose 20 pounds in five weeks. Exercising and crash dieting weren't enough. 'I took slimming pills ... my blood-sugar [level] went on a roller-coaster ride. I also stopped plucking my eyebrows and quit using body cream for weeks.'"

Before cutting her hair, she dyed it black. "My daughter and husband thought I looked horrible," she said. "I also used Perla detergent soap on my hair. It was effective because my hair became coarse and dry."

Then Mardoquio asked Fe GingGing to shave off her hair.

Immersion

"I thought, 'No way!' But as a producer, I also understood why. It was unusual and would help the film."

She immersed herself in the Davao indigent community for three months, too. "I slept on the sidewalks with streetchildren for a few nights. I went to the Bankerohan vegetable market at 3 a.m. to study my character and her surroundings."

She also visited a mental facility. "At first, I was nervous. But on my second visit, I was talking to the patients like they were long-lost buddies," she recalled.

She met Nanay Clarita Alia, the real woman who inspired "Sheika," at the film's Davao premiere last August.

"Before the shoot, I Googled her and read all the reports on her and her children," she related. (Nanay Clarita's two teenaged sons were killed by death squads.)

When she finally met Nanay Clarita, she got goose-bumps. "She also kept a

diary and until now holds on to her sons' shoes and slippers. I spent some time with her before I returned to Dubai. I wanted to make sure she has enough medicine to last her six months."

She hailed Nanay Clarita as a "survivor."

All in all, she summed up her "Sheika" journey as "unforgettable."

Her director believes that Fe GingGing's musicality helped her cross over to acting. "Singing should come from the heart kasi. Each song has a story and singing is like acting in a three-minute short film. Being a dancer also helped in [giving me] rhythm and timing," she explained.

Even before winning an Urian, she already has other indie films in the works—including Mardoquio's "Crossfire" (for which she had to gain weight).

She feels strongly about championing indies: "I'll do it for free. We all should encourage good, quality films, whether they come from Luzon, Visayas or Mindanao. It's not just a waste of time to support shallow and lousy films; it's also degrading."

Zsazsa and Dolphy: 'At last'

By **BAYANI SAN DIEGO JR.**
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Now singer-actress Zsazsa Padilla can joke about it.

"Di ko pipikutin si Dolphy," she quipped. "He hasn't even proposed yet. I won't force him to marry me."

It's because she has been swamped with questions about her much-delayed wedding to the King of Comedy, especially after the "decree of nullity" to her first marriage (to dentist Modesto Tatlonghari) was granted last week.

Since a shotgun wedding is out of the question, will she consider secretly eloping?

Nah.

"If ever, it'll be as quiet as possible. People would just get surprised that we got married," she quipped.

They're in no hurry to get hitched, she clarified. "It's not a big issue for us. We both know where we stand. That we will always be here for each other, in good times and bad. Tried and tested na kami."

She explained that she and Dolphy would "need to fix a lot of things first."

Suffice it to say, she admitted, "when I wish for a grand wedding, it would only be for my daughters (Karylle, Nicole and Zia)."

She pointed out, however, that she precisely filed for annulment, to put things in order. "I was 16 when I got married; 23 when I got separated. I wanted to have a second chance."

Over two decades later she got her wish.

It was a long, uphill climb, but it was well worth it, she said. "My petition took 10 years. I was told our case was the longest in Parañaque," she recalled. "If there's a message I'd like to impart to other women, it's this: It's possible. Don't lose hope. You just have to keep fighting."



Bea: Acting is not about lessons

By **JODEE AGONCILLO**
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Bea Alonzo says she wakes up each day wanting to be a better person.

Bea Alonzo says she wakes up each day wanting to be a better person. She's scored major and minor victories, and these days, the personal "demons" she's determined to conquer are "being envious" and "feeling insecure."

She would not say who or what of, but simply declared: "I must face and [put an end to] all my fears."

The ABS-CBN talent, who met the press at her recent launch as Clear (anti-dandruff shampoo) "brand ambassador," would do everything to get something she wants, but she knows better than to push it too far.

She explained: "When you have a problem, if you think the world is unfair and people aren't giving you [what] you deserve, you offer it to God. But maybe there's something that you're

not doing right." If it's not meant to be, she said, "I easily let go."

Bea has formulated a healthy approach to acting as well. Having acquired basic training via workshops, she sharpened her skills, she said, with the help of mentors Lauren Dyogi and Johnny Manahan. ("Mr. M is like a father to me.")

But acting, she pointed out, is not about lessons learned: "It's [about] you ... how you observe people, how you recognize and manage your own feelings, every one of them—happiness, fear, pain ..."

It's best to draw from experience, Bea said. Her most difficult role ever, she recounted, was playing a 21-year-old lawyer in the ABS-CBN series "Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay." That was almost 10 years ago, when she

was only 14. "I knew nothing about the law but I needed to be credible as a very smart person," she recalled. Direk Dyogi patiently explained every detail of every scene to her, she said.

Another movie portrayal that proved very close to home was in last year's "Sa 'Yo Lamang," about a happy family ruined by adultery. "I come from a broken family," the actress explained. "That role made me realize many things. I found myself saying, 'Ah, ganito pala ang nangyari sa akin.'" Prior to that, she said, she had little time to examine her life.

Hot male costars

And she's had just as little time since. Bea just finished a movie and is currently working on an ABS-CBN teleserye, with two of the hottest male stars, no

less—Vic Sotto for the full-length comedy picture "Pak!Pak! My Dr. Kwak!" and Robin Padilla for the romantic action series "Guns and Roses."

Because the two men are not alike at all, she said, it's a different environment around each one. First time she came to the set of Vic's film, she related, "I really felt like the newcomer. The other cast members had long worked together, so they knew one another well. Still, they welcomed me. I had a great experience with them."

As for working with Robin, Bea said, "May halong kilig (It was thrilling). He's a romantic, a gentleman to everyone on the set." Vic is more of the silent type, she added. "But they're both very professional and passionate about their job."

School must wait

Bea was in second year high school when she started acting, but continuing her education is not on her plate right now. "Perhaps I'll go back to school when I'm not too active in show biz anymore," she said.

Meanwhile, she sends her relatives to school and, for "focus and inspiration," she reads and reads. On her shelf are books by Mitch Albom and Paolo Coelho, plus Portia de Rossi's "Unbearable Lightness" and Tod Burpo's "Heaven Is for Real." Because these writers are "really good," she said, "I have a tendency to internalize their characters."

Bea is looking forward to a trip with her family to the United States later this year. It would be her brother James' first time in America. "He gets airsick, but he's excited about watching an NBA game," said Bea, who has just become an NBA fan herself.

She recently bought a new condo unit in Rockwell for her mother. The whole family will soon transfer there from a rented place in Ortigas.

It's clear that her "greatest purpose," as she put it, "is to provide [well] for my family. That's why God gives me all these blessings."

Maharlika – Opinyon

EDITORIAL

Intruders

We find it hard to believe that the reported intrusion last May 11 by military aircraft of unknown origin into Philippine air space somewhere over Reed Bank, to the west of Palawan, could have been conducted without authorization from high command. Initially reported, based on certain sources, to be Chinese fighter jets, the mysterious aircraft have been re-labeled by the Philippine Air Force, by Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin and even by President Aquino as, officially, “unidentified.”

While Reed Bank is not itself in dispute, the Kalayaan Islands or the Spratlys further west are very much in the center of a claims controversy, with several countries, including China, Vietnam, Malaysia and the Philippines, claiming part or all of it. And while other countries have not been shy about establishing physical, military presence in the disputed areas, China has been the most assertive. It is only to be expected, therefore, that when news about the reported intrusion spread, China seemed to be the likeliest culprit. And we repeat: It doesn't seem possible that such an intrusion could have been allowed without express authorization from higher-ups.

Chinese Defense Minister Liang Guanglie directly addressed the issue during his Manila visit, which ends today. As the Associated Press reported: “Liang, according to Gazmin, mentioned that Philippine media accounts identified the two aircraft as Russian-made MIG fighter jets and clarified that China has no MIG planes in its air force.”

Perhaps there are no longer working MIG planes in the Chinese air force; perhaps the Philippine OV-10 pilots who sighted the fighter jets misidentified them. This is a detail that is subject to verification. There should be no question, however, that China in recent years has become increasingly assertive in pursuing what it calls its historical claim to the Spratlys. (The very notion of a historical claim should be thoroughly questioned, since its reasoning would place a now completely independent country like, say, Vietnam under that over-broad Chinese policy.)

The timing of the visit of Liang is of some moment; it comes just a few days after the powerful American carrier strike group led by the USS *Carl Vinson*, after burying the remains of al-Qaida founder Osama bin Laden, stopped over in Manila—a vigorous sign of U.S. force projection into a zone of influence that China wants increasingly to call its own.

The official outcome of his visit is even more important: Liang and Gazmin issued a statement promising to avoid “unilateral actions” that would heighten the Spratlys dispute. But we must point out the uncomfortable truth: Tensions over the Spratlys in recent years have been the direct result of China's muscle-flexing. The harassment, the intrusion, the assertive language have all been coming from one side. The Chinese call for “restraints,” therefore, strikes us as a little like the schoolyard bully, under watchful eyes, making nice.

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Beginning of the world

This week, two things were predicted to happen. One was the end of the world last Saturday, the other was the super-typhoon that was supposed to hit us yesterday. A fitting background to my turning senior citizen tomorrow.

I'm writing this in the morning of Wednesday, and Metro Manila at least has shown little sign of having withstood nature's fury. Well, maybe things can still change across the length of the day. Life has a way of changing abruptly these days, climate at the head of the line. And the weather of this country of late has been as fickle as, well, politics. *Weather-weather lang 'yan* applies as much to weather as to politicians.

As to the end of the world, well, news of it has proven to be as grossly exaggerated as Mark Twain's death. Fortunately Harold Camping's oracle wasn't particularly heeded, or even widely known, here. The fellow of course remains unrepentant and says Judgment Day did begin last Saturday, except that it was the spiritual part. The physical part, which would see the actual Rupture happen—doesn't that sound like a virgin losing it?—is still set for next year, in October.

Its hilarious aspects are epic. One worker testified that he didn't bother to go to work over the past weeks because he wouldn't be able to collect his pay after Saturday anyway. And now he has bills to pay. A group, on the other hand, offered to buy the property of all those who bought the prediction as they wouldn't have any use for it anymore. A bright idea, except that if believers in the Rupture had no more use for their property, what use would they have for money if they sold it?

It's funny, but it has its sobering aspects as well.

Not the least of them is that do you really need to believe in a divine hand rupturing the planet or annihilating humanity to wonder if it's not a possibility we ourselves are creating? Natural disasters have always been there, some so apocalyptic as to signal the end of the world as some species have known it. The dinosaurs are no longer there to tell the tale. You

watch Discovery Channel and you are going to feel awed, if not terrified, by how tenuous our grasp on life is, given the many threats outer space poses, from floating debris to solar rays. But none of that compares with the biggest threat of all, which is—us. Look how we've treated the planet over the last century and the catastrophic effects that have followed in its wake. I don't know how super the super-storm that will hit us will be. But I do know that the tornado that recently killed 89 people in Joplin, Missouri, was so. I do know that the earthquake that struck Japan, which set off a killer tsunami, was so. And super doesn't begin to describe the cataclysm that visited the place.

Climate change isn't something that threatens us, it is something that engulfs us. Natural disasters have happened before, but they have not happened with the frequency and severity they do today. The wonder of it is that we are not taking the most desperate and strenuous efforts to reverse it, we are merely trying to live with it, hoping the next earthquake, the next cyclone, the next super-storm will happen to somebody else and not to us. Well, may we laugh at batty end-of-the-world prophecies. But we don't repent and change our ways—in ways that go beyond the religious context of those prophecies—we won't have the last laugh.

Quite apart from that, you have to wonder about the attitudes Rupture-type beliefs induce in people. For all Family Radio's battiness, it is not alone in prophesying doomsday. The Mayan calendar, which sets 2012 as the end of the world as we know it, has its share of believers, and far more plentifully. Just as well, Christians have always believed in the Second Coming, which was first reckoned to happen at the end of the first millennium and, when that didn't take place, at the end of the second. Mayan meets Christian, and you are going to have no small



There's The Rub

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amount of people doing all sorts of bizarre things next year in preparation for doom or deliverance.

While at that, I don't know if we still have our own cults waiting for the flying saucers to land in Banahaw to pluck a chosen few from humanity's impending apocalyptic fate. I wonder if that was what inspired the movie, “Knowing.”

But whether religious or secular, it tends to induce selfishness among its believers, a looking out for Number One, a frenetic scrambling for individual salvation. That is quite apart from postulating a jealous god, a vengeful god, a petty god, a god that would reward believers simply for believing—and punish those who do not—and not for living reasonably decent lives. Or lives spent with a thought for others, with a care for others, with concern for others.

I don't know, I'm just shooting the breeze here, my point in life has a way of conducting these vaporous thoughts. Turning 60 isn't exactly the end of the world on an individual, if not planetary plane, but it does send strong intimations of mortality. I am at least thankful that growing old—though I can't for the life of me feel it—or spying personal extinction in the horizon, hasn't made me crave or cling to wealth or power the way it has many people I know. *Kung kailan pa tumanda*; you can't carry those things to your grave. I am at least thankful that growing old has made me take myself less seriously than ever and appreciate others more deeply than ever. Enough to wonder why, if the end of the world were truly at hand, your first thought should be about yourself and not about those who have barely begun life, not about those you care for or ought to, not about those you love however unlovable they often make themselves out to be.

End of the world? I'm just beginning to glimpse its beginning.

Philippine history in Singapore

Singapore is a short bus-ride from Kuala Lumpur, and I am tempted to hop on one for a change of pace. A four- to five-hour trip is about the same time a bus-ride takes from Manila to Baguio, the only difference being that the deluxe, double-deck buses in Singapore are very comfortable and have everything from lounge and food to movies and Wi-Fi for those who find boring the sight of a continuous landscape of rubber trees along the route. While most Filipinos go to Singapore for work or shopping, I'm drawn to the so-called Lion City by its food, museums, and history. Three years ago, with the president of Singapore, S.R. Nathan, we unveiled a memorial to Rizal on a patch of green outside the Asian Civilizations Museum that commemorates Rizal's five visits in the late 19th-century, further underscoring the fact that the historic relations between the Philippines and Singapore antedate the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries. As a result of this Rizal connection, there was a Philippine Festival organized in Singapore two years ago with landmark exhibits on the Philippines at the ACM, Singapore Art Museum, and the Philatelic Museum.

Unknown to many, Singapore has been quietly acquiring materials on Southeast Asia such that it will be a future regional hub for culture and arts research. SAM has an impressive collection of Philippine paintings—from Fabian de la Rosa to younger contemporary Filipino artists. They only need paintings of the 19th century masters Juan Luna and Felix Resurreccion Hidalgo to complete the set. I typed out my name at the online public access catalogue of the National Library of Singapore and was pleasantly surprised to see that they had all of my books, including some obscure forgettable titles, which means they have been buying Filipiniana titles for some years now. I was also told that their Film Archive also boasts of a representative collection of Filipino films. All the films of Mike de

Leon, for example, are deposited there—clean and with director's notes. I cannot imagine what else they have. Decades ago, I used to wonder why a Filipino historian had to travel abroad to consult primary source materials on his own country. One day Singapore will be a research destination as well, but in the wired and digital age I wouldn't be surprised if, at some time, much Philippine material will be available online.

The digital age is making the world a smaller place, and the materials available online could be better utilized and appreciated except that the lure of Facebook and porn is far greater than research. Now that Singapore has honored Rizal, maybe we could look up other historical connections.

Few people know that Emilio Aguinaldo sought refuge in Singapore in 1898, to escape a lawsuit in Hong Kong filed by greedy individuals who wanted the funds paid in accordance with the Pact of Biak-na-Bato to be liquidated and distributed among themselves. Aguinaldo deposited the funds in two banks, the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation, the grandpa of today's HSBC, and Chartered Bank, insisting that the principal be preserved and that they live on interest. These funds were later used to re-ignite the revolution against Spain when it did not do its part of the agreement concluded in Biak-na-Bato.

It is significant that when Rizal and Aguinaldo visited Singapore, theirs was a country yet to be born. At the time of these visits, both the Philippines and Singapore were under foreign flags. Those visits gain relevance today simply because they provide a historical link, often underused in Philippine diplomacy, that antedates the births of our countries as free and independent nations.



Looking Back

By AMBETH OCAMPO
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Rizal visited the famous Singapore Botanical Garden not once but thrice, and one can only presume yet another marker is on the way. But one would wish the site of the house where Aguinaldo stayed, or perhaps the site where he met with a US consul and decided to return to the Philippines and continue the war of independence against Spain can be located, and a simple but appropriate marker will be installed there. After all, another revolutionist and father of

this country, Ho Chi Minh, is also commemorated by a marker in Singapore.

One last obscure footnote to conclude today's column concerns the generous donation of Singapore of the original documents relating to an unsuccessful attempt by Rizal's friends, principally Regidor in London, to save him from trial and execution. Not well-known is the fact that the steamer that took Rizal back to the Philippines made a brief stopover in Singapore. The game plan was for a lawyer to argue in the Supreme Court of Singapore for a writ of habeas corpus in favor of Rizal. He would then be offloaded from the steamer and presented bodily in court. This done, he was to be a free man. Unfortunately, the petition filed in October 1896 was not acted upon favorably, and Rizal met his fate in Bagumbayan on Dec. 30, 1896.

The original documents are preserved in the National Library of the Philippines now under the able stewardship of lawyer Antonio Santos, formerly of the UP Law Center Library. Surely these documents can be given a new interpretation by interested legal scholars and presented anytime during the Rizal@150 events.

Comments are welcome in my Facebook Fan Page.

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NEW OFFICER
Saipan resident cadet Michael H. Kim graduates from the U.S. Military Academy on Saturday, May 21. He is the son of Jae Hong Kim and Young Mi Kim and graduated from Mount Carmel High School in 2007. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

HONOR STUDENTS
Congratulations to our lovely daughter Allia Raine Pillarina, who graduated from kindergarten on May 21, 2011, with an academic excellence award and for being the Valedictorian of GHIS advance K5. We are so proud of you! We love you always. From your daddy Alex, mommy Celia and sister Traci.



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Congratulations to Jill Anne Marie O. Mallari for being the valedictorian of Green Meadow School. Keep up the good work you have started. We are so proud of you.

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CLASS FIELD TRIP
Grace Christian Academy third grade students pose for a souvenir photo during their class field trip at the Saipan World Resort on May 19, 2011.

NMI-PHILIPPINE FRIENDSHIP MONTH
Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos signs the proclamation declaring June as Northern Mariana Islands – Philippines Friendship Month last May 25. Also in photo are Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig and administrative officer Jose Sto. Domingo.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs deputy secretary Rhonda Nogis and Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture executive director Angel S. Hocog smile for the camera during the signing of four proclamations at the Public Health Secretary's conference room last Wednesday.

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig read the proclamation declaring June as Northern Mariana Islands – Philippines Friendship Month last Wednesday. The proclamation is one of the four proclamations that the Lt. gov. signed that day.



Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos is flanked by Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig and wife Teresa Roselyn Macaraig during the proclamation signing of Northern Mariana Islands – Philippines Friendship Month on Wednesday.

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Young Style

Kids' Krafts: Make a watering can for summer

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After the spring we've had this year in Ohio, it's hard to imagine the rain will ever stop. It will eventually, but perhaps not soon enough for most of us.

It's not just your imagination that this has been an unusually rainy spring. So many after-school baseball and soccer games have been canceled, there may not be enough time before the season ends for coaches to reschedule them.

Too much rain causes parents to worry about flooding and it isn't any fun playing outside when you are getting wet.

According to Cleveland Na-

► Empty milk jugs can become an elephant watering can for kids to help keep the flowers green.

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tional Weather Service reports, in 2011, we are 150 percent to 200 percent above the average rainfall, or eight to 10 inches more rain than we usually have by this time each year.

So, I wouldn't blame you if you thought making a watering can is folly, no matter how much fun it is. But trust me—come summer, your outdoor plants will need a hearty drink of water just as much as you will.

This elephant watering can, made with two empty gallon-size plastic milk jugs, was featured in Family Fun magazine's May edition. Younger children will need help from an adult to do some of the cutting and gluing, but older kids should be able to make it with ease.

Supplies you will need:

- Two empty, clean gallon-size milk jugs.
- 1 lid from one of the jugs.

- Scissors.
- Black marker.
- Low-temperature glue gun.
- Large wiggle eyes.
- Foam sheet, any color.
- 1 nickel.
- 4-inch plastic lid for pattern.
- 1 push pin.
- 1 wooden bamboo skewer.
- Sandwich plate.

Use scissors to cut the handle from the first jug, leaving a collar around each end.

With a push pin and wooden skewer, make eight holes $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch apart in the bend of the handle.

Trim the opposite end into a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch circle. Make slits in the end for tabs.

Place a nickel on the center of the top of a jug lid and trace around it with a black marker. Cut the circle out. This is where you will need help from an adult.

Push the tabbed end through the hole and use a glue gun to

attach the cap to the tabbed handle, holding firmly until the glue sets.

Place the cap on the second jug. Hold with glue if necessary.

To make a filling hole, trace around the lid placed under the handle of the second jug. Use scissors to cut out the hole.

Place the plate on a foam sheet and trace around it for ears. Cut the circles out and glue to the sides of the second jug.

Glue large wiggle eyes on either side of the handle.

Fill the can with water through the filling hole and use—just as soon as it stops raining!

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Teen bond overcomes girl's heart transplant fear

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
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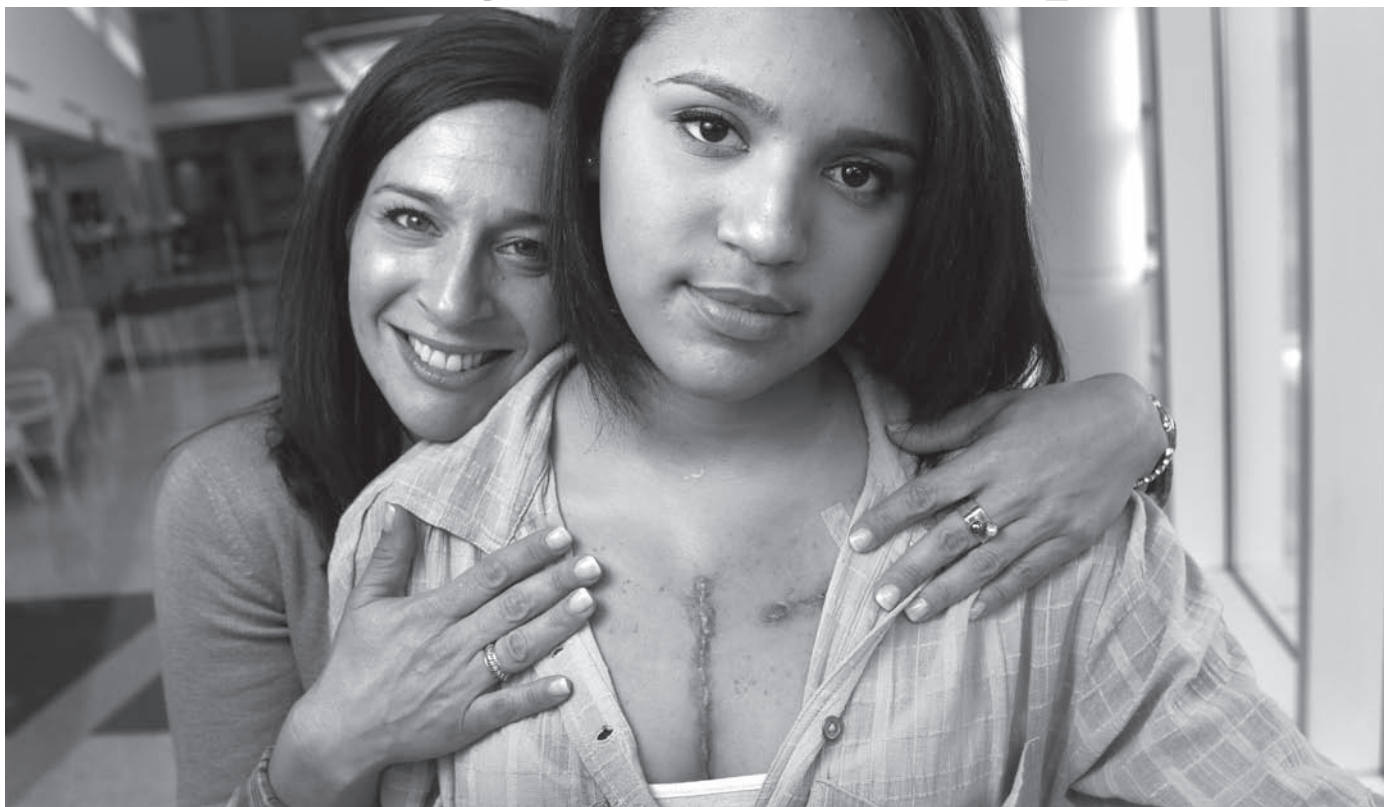
WASHINGTON (AP)—Courtney Montgomery's heart was failing fast, but the 16-year-old furiously refused when her doctors, and her mother, urged a transplant.

Previous surgeries hadn't helped and the North Carolina girl didn't believe this scarier operation would either. It would take another teen who's thriving with a new heart to change her mind.

"I was like, 'No, I don't want this. If I'm going to die, I'm going to die,'" Courtney recalls. "Now I look back, I realize I wasn't thinking the way I should have been."

Teenagers can add complex psychology to organ transplantation: Even though they're minors, they need to be on board with a transplant because it's up to them to take care of their new organ. Depression, anger and normal adolescent pangs—that tug-of-war with parents, trying to fit in—can interfere. It's not just a question of having the transplant, but how motivated they are to stick with anti-rejection treatment for years to come.

"The decision-making process that we go through, in terms of our ability to weigh factors in a rational sense, probably doesn't mature until you're in your late 20s," says Dr. Robert Jaquiss, pediatric heart surgery chief at Duke University Medical Center, where Courtney eventually was transplanted. "It introduces an enormous level of complexity to caring for these kids."



In this photo taken May 19, 2011, Courtney Montgomery, right, and her mother Michelle Mescall pose together at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C., Thursday, May 19, 2011. Given a choice Courtney had refused a heart transplant; but then she met another teen who'd just had one, and was doing well.

Then there's the sense of isolation. Far fewer adolescents than older adults undergo an organ transplant, making it unlikely that a teen has ever seen how fast their peers can bounce back.

Between 700 and 800 adolescents, ages 11 to 17, have some type of organ transplant each year. That's nearly 40 percent of the roughly 2,000 annual pediatric transplants. Teens fare better than any other age—child or adult—the first year after surgery. But long-term, adolescents do a bit worse than younger children, and the reason isn't biological, Jaquiss says. It's that teens, and young adults as well, tend to start slipping on all the required

follow-up care.

One study found up to 40 percent of adolescent liver recipients eventually miss medication doses or checkups. It can be normal development, as teens start sleeping late and simply forgetting morning doses, or sometimes it's rebelliousness. Then there are medication side effects that Jaquiss says can be especially troubling to this image-conscious age group: weight gain, acne and unwanted hair growth.

And at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, separate research with heart recipients has found chronological age is unrelated to "medical maturity."

Young patients who had a hard time accepting a transplant as normal and who avoided family discussion of problems, for example, were less likely to stick with care.

Courtney's mother, Michelle Mescall, said that when the medical center advised that her daughter needed to agree to go on the transplant waiting list, "I said, 'Well she's a minor, what do you mean? I'm going to make this decision.' I was just floored that it was now her decision."

Legally, the hospital could have proceeded with mom's OK. But clinical social worker Shani Foy-Watson says if that

happened, Courtney's resentment could have torpedoed her recovery, setting up just those kinds of problems with follow-up care.

Foy-Watson says it's not unusual for kids who've lived with serious illness for years to have a hard time imagining normalcy—at the same age when it's normal to seek more independence from their terrified parents.

Courtney, of Asheville, N.C., was diagnosed at age 8 with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a thickened and hard-to-pump heart that's the leading cause of sudden death in young athletes. Her mother tried to shield her

from doctors' death warnings, but says Courtney became anxious and depressed early on.

She had a defibrillator implanted and later heart surgery that offered only temporary relief, fueling resentment of her mother's medical choices. Courtney eventually had to give up her beloved cheerleading, and last year required home-schooling.

As a few weeks passed with Courtney still resisting a transplant, the social worker tried a new tack: A 17-year-old football player had received a new heart at Duke a few months earlier because of the same condition, and already was back at school in Raleigh. Would he meet with Courtney?

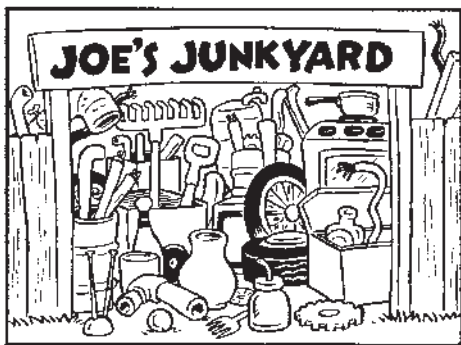
It was a gamble. No one told Josh Winstead, now 18, the reason for the meeting, and they might not have hit it off. But they did, and Courtney immediately changed her mind.

"I guess me doing what I do, being a kid, helped out the most," says Winstead, who took Courtney to his prom a week before her surgery. "It was more just showing her how normal my life is."

You hear all the advice from friends and doctors, Courtney says, "but it doesn't hit home like when Josh would tell me, 'I have the same scars you do and this is how it felt and this is how I feel now.'"

She got her new heart last month. She's recovering well and exercising in hopes of getting back to the cheerleading squad.

Her mother's helping Courtney learn to handle a whopping 33 pills a day, and is proud of how her daughter has rallied: "I'm just dealing with how to let go and let her fly, but also be the parent of a 16-year-old."



ONE MAN'S JUNK is another man's treasure! See if you can correctly count up all of the items shown at Joe's. You have 30 seconds to browse.

Answer: Our count was 44. Did you find more?

A FEAT OF JUGGLING! Here's a neat coin-catching stunt. Bend your arm back to your shoulder, palm up, and place a stack of coins on your elbow. Next, snap your arm down and try to catch the coins in your hand. With a little practice, you'll "out juggle" your friends every time.



IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 1 through 10 to fill in this Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 35. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

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Our answer: First row: 8, 11, 15, 1; Second row: 14, 2, 7, 12; Third row: 3, 17, 9, 6; Fourth row: 10, 5, 4, 16.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

**RARE
FARE
FIRE
FINE
FIND**

A RARE DISCOVERY! Let's see if you can discover the answers to the following puzzles in under five minutes. In this type of problem you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed RARE to FIND in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

1. FULL to TIME
2. BALK to LINE
3. CAPE to HORN
4. GIRL to TALK
5. HALF to NONE

Answers:
1. FULL, FILE, TILE, TIME
2. BALK, BANK, BANE, LANE
3. CAPE, COPE, CORE, CORN, HORN
4. GIRL, GILL, TILL, TALK
5. HALF, HALE, HOLE, HONE, NONE

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

■ It was 20th-century Belgian writer and philosopher Raoul Vaneigem who made the following sage observation: "There are more truths in 24 hours of a man's life than in all the philosophies."

■ The next time you're annoyed by a bad case of the hiccups, consider poor Charles Osborne. In 1922, when he was 28 years old, Mr. Osborne got the hiccups. For the next 68 years, he continued to hiccup, finally stopping in 1990, one year before his death at the age of 97.

■ Those who study such things claim that an average bank robber in the United States nets about \$4,000 for every heist. No info at hand on how the researches acquired their data.

■ If you're planning a trip to the United Kingdom in the near future, you might want to be sure Windsor Castle, located in the county of Berkshire, is on your itinerary. Built in the 11th century, it is both the longest-occupied palace in Europe and, with more than 500 people living and working there, the world's largest inhabited castle. As a bonus, through April of 2012 you'll be able to view a special exhibit on royal cakes. Yes, cakes. Amazingly, included in the exhibit are two pieces of cake from the wedding of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert, which took place on February 10, 1840.

■ Stephen Spielberg, who has earned two Academy Awards for Best Director, and three of whose films have set box-office records, was rejected—twice—when he applied to the film program of the University of Southern California.

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Thought for the Day: "Every man possesses three characters: that which he exhibits, that which he really has, and that which he believes he has."—Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr

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MAGIC MAZE • BIGGER THAN A DINGHY

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Barge Cutter Ketch Tugboat
Battleship Ferry Lifeboat U-boat
Catamaran Houseboat Sampan Yacht
Cruiser Hydroplane Swift boat

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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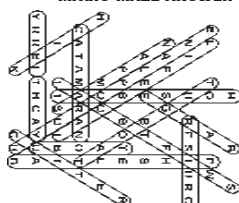
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MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



BIGGER THAN A DINGHY

GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Cat's taste for plastic could signal diabetes

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm replying to Dave, the reader whose cat chews on his wife's oxygen hose. This may sound weird, but he should consider having his cat checked for diabetes. Our cat, "Tuffy," started chewing on our clear plastic shower curtain. We waited a bit too long to have him checked out, and he was in dire condition by the time the veterinarian saw him.

It was my wife who read something in a cat magazine and suggested that the vet test Tuffy for diabetes. Sure enough, he had it. And while our cat's prognosis was initially not good—the vet said he might have three months to live—thanks to regular insulin injections and care, Tuffy lived another four and a half years.

So Dave, keep the faith, and have your cat checked for diabetes.—Tom W., via email

DEAR TOM: Thanks so much for calling attention to this possible health condition! Chewing on clear plastic as a signal for possible diabetes is not something I have heard of before, but I'm very glad your wife made that connection.

Readers, keep in mind that many, even most, cats chew on weird things. Plastic shopping bags and crumpled paper are especially fascinating, and



it's not unusual to see cats gnawing at them. Of course, you should take efforts to stop them from ingesting such items. This type of gnawing does not necessarily signal a health problem, but if you're unsure, take your pet to the veterinarian to ease your suspicions.

Other signs of feline diabetes include a voracious appetite and/or drinking large quantities of water, as well as frequent urination or urinating a much larger amount than usual. Weakness in the cat's back legs is another serious symptom.

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Send your pet questions and tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at www.pawscorner.com.

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Stake a graduation party photo walk

One of my vivid childhood memories is of riding in the backseat of our Ford station wagon on a trip through the scorching deserts of the Southwest in the summer with no air conditioning and two restless brothers kicking each other and me. We often were rescued from boredom by a series of Burma-Shave signposts. Printed on giant stakes spaced about a mile apart, silly rhymes grabbed our attention and gave us a chuckle, prompting us to make up our own verses.

With a nod to that clever marketing idea, I created our own version of these posts, using photos for my kids' high-school graduation parties. Along the walkway that led guests from our front yard to the festivities in the back was a progressive visual history of their lives from tot to teen.

Step 1:

Sort through family photos of your graduate, and choose about 12 favorites that make you smile. We pulled out photo albums, loose pictures stuffed in drawers and my wallet, and identified favorites in our photo collection. Sort and identify your favorites from the different stages of your child's life.

Step 2:

Scan and print enlarged 8-1/2-by-11-inch versions of the photos on your computer or have them enlarged and copied in color at a copy store. For displaying 12 photos, purchase six large sheets of poster board in bright colors at a discount or art-supply store and 12 dowels or garden stakes at your hardware store. Cut poster board in half widthwise.

Step 3:

Attach photos to the poster board with spray adhesive outdoors, following the directions on the can. For added pizzazz, you might wish

Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson



to glue on construction paper cut in geometric shapes for decoration. Attach the dowels with strong tape to the back of each photo poster. Set in the ground or in planter boxes along the path to your party.

Tip: Don't rush through the photo finding and sorting step. Although time-consuming, it was the most meaningful experience of the party planning. As a mom of three, I found pleasure in focusing on just one of the kids for a concentrated period of time, chronicling that life with visual and sentimental memories.

Resource: Read clever vintage Burma-Shave rhymes out loud at: <http://burma-shave.org/jingles/>.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Life & Style

Beauty industry honors Fergie and her fragrance

NEW YORK (AP)—Fergie's life just got a little more glamorous—in undertones of tuberose and leather—with her win of a Fifi award from the perfume industry for her scent Outspoken.

The Fragrance Foundation presented the Black Eyed Peas singer with the honor Wednesday night for new celebrity fragrance of the year at a splashy Lincoln Center ceremony.

Outspoken is Avon's most successful fragrance launch to date. The prize, Fergie said in a telephone interview, along with the yellow BCBG Max Azria gown she wore to pick it up and all the trappings of fame, are just icing now that she's realized her biggest aspiration—her success as a solo artist.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think all this would happen," she said. "My goal was a solo album. It was my dream since I was a little girl, and I went down many roads to get there."

Fergie, 36, said she enjoys all the glitz, glamour and wardrobe-ing, especially playing around with beauty products to create different looks. At home, though, she tones it down—a lot—and usually doesn't wear any makeup at all.

Perfume is different. She's always been a fragrance fan, she said, wearing for a period as a teenager the men's cologne Drakkar Noir because it reminded her of an old boyfriend, and Dior's Poison be-



Singer Stacy "Fergie" Ferguson attends The Fragrance Foundation's 2011 FiFi Awards at Lincoln Center on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 in New York.

cause she linked it to lyrics of a favorite song.

Outspoken is a floral with notes of iced berry, tuberose and a base of leather. A second perfume Fergie has created, Outspoken Intense, will

be available in October. One of the key scent notes is kumquat. One whiff and she's transported to her backyard growing up in Southern California, she said.

"My dad grew them. He taught me how to peel them.

Elaine's regulars mourn loss of famous NYC eatery

NEW YORK (AP)—Everyone went to Elaine's—and now they'll have nowhere to go.

For regulars still mourning the death of Elaine Kaufman in December, the news that her namesake restaurant in Manhattan was closing on Thursday has been a double blow. They gathered one last time at the place where they ate so-so food while rubbing shoulders with the likes of Michael Caine and Woody Allen. And then they will be cast adrift.

"Half the people in this room are never going to see one another again," said legendary writer Gay Talese, who added that Elaine's had created a circle of people, many of whom had nothing in common besides the place itself.

"This is saying goodbye to one another," Talese said.

"I don't know what many of us will do," said TV broadcaster Rikki Klieman, who was introduced to Elaine's by her husband, Bill Bratton, a former New York City police commissioner and Los Angeles police chief. "I guess we'll just have to stay home."

Bratton held court in the packed room at "Jack Maple's table." Maple was the architect

of CompStat, the system the New York Police Department uses to track crime. He sketched it out on a napkin at the table in 1994, Bratton said.

"You're going to hear the term bittersweet a lot tonight," Bratton said. "There will be plenty of stories told at these tables tonight and few more made."

Elaine's was synonymous with plugged-in New York for the better part of five decades. "And they were all impressed with your Halston dress and the people that you knew at Elaine's," Billy Joel sang. The restaurant inspired books titled "Everyone Comes to Elaine's" and "Last Call at Elaine's."

For the regulars, Elaine's was more than a scene. It was a family, a club without dues, a dinner party with a glittering guest list.

Ruth Westheimer, better known as sexpert Dr. Ruth, described the night as sitting shiva for the bar. Shiva is a Jewish bereavement custom.

"She went out of her way for people she liked," Westheimer said of Elaine.

Loren Korevec played the piano at the bar from 1987 to 1999.

They're very, very small."

Fergie plans to use her new role in the beauty industry to ask questions of other designers, perfumers and celebrities. "I'd love to know what all their inspirations are."

Oscar winner Halle Berry and Mary J. Blige were among the other Fifi winners.

"The celebrity category in fragrance is no longer an 'add

on' as it was once considered, never knowing if it would last or not. Today, it is a major segment of fragrance marketing and our hope is that the celebrities, who chose to have a fragrance or endorse one, take it as seriously as their latest album, film or book by supporting it in the same way," said the group's president, Rochelle Bloom.

Hall of Fame nods went to

Issey Miyake L'Eau d'Issey and Jean Paul Gaultier Le Male for men, and Bombshell by Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works Twilight Woods received consumer choice awards.

Berry was named the top fragrance celebrity for her work promoting and embracing the "world of fragrance over a period of time," according to the Fragrance Foundation.

5 best Arnold Schwarzenegger movies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Like Charlie Sheen, Arnold Schwarzenegger was once known as an actor. Granted, not a great actor, but still. He starred in a lot of movies.

And, like Sheen, Schwarzenegger is infamous these days for his off-camera antics. Revelations that the former California governor's 25-year marriage to Maria Shriver is ending and that he fathered a son with a member of his housekeeping staff have put him in the spotlight in a way even he probably never wanted.

So, like we did with Sheen, we're going to go back to a simpler, happier time and reflect on Schwarzenegger's five best films. And there actually are five:

■ **"True Lies" (1994):** Schwarzenegger has always injected an element of humor into his action movies, a tongue-in-cheek recognition of his own outsized ridiculousness, for better and for worse. His puns, for example, can be painful. But this is the best example of his ability to blend laughs and gunfire, sight gags and explosions. Teaming up once again with "Terminator" director James Cameron in this remake of a French comedy, Schwarzenegger stars as a spy posing as a mild-mannered computer salesman. When he suspects his wife (a funny and sexy Jamie Lee Curtis) is having an affair, he uses all the gadgets and weapons at his disposal to win her back. A screwball blockbuster.

■ **"The Terminator" (1984):** One of the definitive '80s action flicks and the movie that truly made Schwarzenegger a superstar. It features one of his classic and most-quoted lines—"I'll be back"—and allowed us all to put the suffix "-ator" at the end of any word to describe him in a corny way. Cameron also put himself on the map, as director and co-writer, with this sci-fi fable about an unstoppable cyborg sent back from the future to kill Sarah Connor (Linda Hamilton) before she can give birth



This undated file photo originally supplied by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Arnold Schwarzenegger in his role as the Terminator in his most recent sequel "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines."

to ... well, you know what the "Terminator" series is about. Clever, intense and mind-bendy, filled with a dark mythology of biblical proportions and the kind of elaborate action sequences that would become one of Cameron's trademarks.

■ **"Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991):** A rare sequel that is as good as the original, if not better (are you listening, makers of the "Hangover" movies?). "T2" was super high-tech in its day, with seamless visual effects that allowed Robert Patrick's character, the even deadlier Terminator known as the T-1000, to shape-shift and heal itself instantly. Schwarzenegger is back as the original Terminator, who must now protect Sarah Connor's son. Of course, "T2" features yet another of his classic lines—"Hasta la vista, baby"—which he would use to cringe-inducing effect in various real-world circumstances.

■ **"Total Recall" (1990):** Inspired by a Philip K. Dick short story and directed by Paul Verhoeven, this is a brisk, paranoid, violent and darkly funny adventure. Schwarzenegger stars as Doug Quaid, a construction worker living in the future who discovers that his entire existence has been

a fabrication. His real identity (which has something to do with Mars) has been erased, but virtual reality trips help him unlock his own mysteries. This vision of an efficient future is meant to be startling in its soullessness, but "Total Recall" also features plenty of sleaze; this is, after all, from the man who would go on to direct "Basic Instinct." Speaking of which, a young and extremely cute Sharon Stone co-stars as Schwarzenegger's wife.

■ **"Predator" (1987):** OK, I will admit that I am choosing this one in part because my husband loves it, and he has an uncanny knack for finding it on TV at any time of the day or night. (I also enjoy hearing him yell, "Get to the chopper!" in his bad Arnold accent.) An early film from action veteran John McTiernan, this sci-fi thriller is about a group of commandos who are trapped in a Central American jungle and hunted by an extraterrestrial monster. Schwarzenegger, as a special forces bad-ass named Dutch, is sent in to save them but he also must fight this creature with deadly camouflage abilities. If anyone could do it, it was Arnold at the height of his powers.

Lohan begins serving sentence on house arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan returned to a women's jail before dawn on Thursday and was released before rush hour to begin serving a four-month jail sentence at her home for a probation violation.

The actress left the lockup with an ankle monitor that she must wear for about 35 days, sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

The term is longer than the three weeks or less that Lohan would have spent in a solitary confinement unit at the jail, where she served 14 days last

summer for another probation violation.

Whitmore said the "Mean Girls" star is paying for the costs of her monitoring.

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner sentenced Lohan to 120 days in jail and 480 hours of community service in April after determining the actress took a necklace without permission from a store near her home.

The judge said at a hearing that if Lohan served time under



Lohan

house arrest, she could not leave to whittle down her community service hours at a women's shelter and the county morgue.

Lohan pleaded no contest earlier this month to misdemeanor or grand theft but did not receive additional jail time. The jail term was imposed after Sautner determined Lohan violated her probation in a 2007 drunken driving case.

Whitmore said the actress was cooperative when she turned

herself in, and it took about an hour for her to be fingerprinted and booked. No new mugshot was taken.

Lohan's attorney, Shawn Holley, did not immediately return an email message seeking comment.

The actress has been cast to appear as the wife of John Gotti Jr. in a biopic of the infamous New York mob family. Shooting is scheduled to begin later this year.

Steve Honig, a spokesman for the film, "Gotti: Three Generations" declined comment Thursday.

'Idol' winner could wind up on NC hometown's map

GARNER, N.C. (AP)—Scotty McCreery put the North Carolina town of Garner on the map. Now, the town is thinking of putting the places where the latest "American Idol" went to school, worked and prayed on a map as well.

A Michigan family went out of its way to stop in Garner on the way home from Myrtle Beach, S.C., at the behest of the teenage daughter, town spokesman Rick Mercier said Thursday, one day after McCreery won the Fox television talent search. In addition, town officials are hearing anecdotal stories of people wanting to see Scotty's hangouts for themselves.

"After that, we thought, ummm, maybe we should come up with a little map," Mercier said.

The map would include Garner Magnet High School, where Scotty is still a junior; First Baptist Church, which Scotty and his family attend; Lowe's Food Store, where Scotty worked as a cashier and bagger; the Garner Historic Auditorium, one of the first places Scotty sang in public; and Lake Benson Park, where Scotty performed a couple of weeks ago when "Idol" whittled down the contestants to the final three.

Scotty, 17, defeated 16-year-



Scotty McCreery's former employer, store manager Terry Mascaro carries a life-size poster of McCreery into Lowes Foods where McCreery worked in Garner, N.C., Thursday, May 26, 2011.

old Lauren Alaina of Rossville, Ga., another country crooner. It was the first all-country finale in "Idol" history, and the contestants were the youngest ever to compete for the title.

Signs of support remain in Garner, including one at the edge of town closest to downtown Raleigh that reads "This is Scotty Country." But at the Lowe's, where Scotty worked cash register No. 2 during his homecoming visit May 14,

manager Terry Mascaro said the store is being "de-Scottitized."

Fans "started coming and grabbing a piece of whatever they could get" Thursday, he said, laughing. The posters are gone, and the Coca-Cola display that spelled out "Vote for Scotty" was being taken down Thursday. But he did put a one-of-a-kind, life-sized cut-out of Scotty by the No. 2 cash register.

And other than a possible

map, Garner has no immediate plans to capitalize on Scotty's fame until, perhaps, he comes home again. And folks are unsure when that will be because he goes on the "Idol" tour next, including a stop July 27 at the RBC Center in Raleigh, the same place where fans gathered for a watch party Wednesday night to see Scotty win.

"The 14th was our big opportunity to showcase ourselves," Mercier said, referring to Scotty's homecoming visit. "We've been told by other towns with 'Idol' finalists that that's your chance to shine."

At Garner High School, reminders of Scotty remain, including small posters on the front doors advertising watch parties. In the chorus room, a framed picture with photos of chorus members from the previous school year still sits on the floor. Scotty is smiling in a photo to the left of his favorite teacher, Meredith Clayton, his bow tie slightly crooked.

As principal Drew Cook walked the hallways of the 2,200-pupil school Thursday, a student stopped him. "Hey, Mr. Cook. I'm going on 'Idol' next year," the student said. Cook advised him to start practicing right away.

Cambridge, Mass., tops Amazon.com 'well-read' list

NEW YORK (AP)—A new study released by Amazon.com notes that college towns are prime spots for readers.

The online giant ranked Cambridge, Mass., as the country's

best-read city. That's the home of Harvard University.

Alexandria, Va., is in second place. Schools including George Washington University and Virginia Commonwealth

University have satellite campuses there. Next were Berkeley, Calif., and Ann Arbor, Mich. They're both cities with a strong campus presence.

Amazon's list of the top 20

most well-read cities of populations 100,000 or higher was announced Thursday. It's based on the retailer's print and digital sales per capita of books, magazines and newspapers.

more than a week after calling a fellow talk-show host a vulgar term. On his radio show, the liberal commentator referred to conservative host Laura Ingraham as a "right-wing slut." He was apparently upset over her criticism of President Barack Obama's overseas trip. Schultz apologized on MSNBC on Wednesday to Ingraham, his family, MSNBC and viewers for the remark. He said it was wrong and uncalled for, and he recognized the severity of what he said. MSNBC said the network and Schultz mutually agreed on a suspension that will take him off the air until June 6.

MSNBC's Schultz off air because of remark

NEW YORK (AP)—MSNBC's Ed Schultz is off the air for

count for the "Oprah" finale won't be available from Nielsen for two weeks. The metered market rating for Monday's surprise farewell episode of "Oprah" logged a 10.2. Nielsen said Tuesday's episode got a 10.7.

'American Idol' ratings up from last year

NEW YORK (AP)—Country crooner Scotty McCreery and Fox itself are both smiling over the conclusion of "American Idol." Wednesday's finale of the nation's most popular television show was seen by an estimated 29.3 million people. The Nielsen Co. said Thursday that was

21 percent more than last year's ultimate show. "American Idol" started the season with worries that the departure of Simon Cowell might siphon away fans. But ratings actually rose with the addition of judges Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler—leading to the big finish with McCreery's win. "Idol" also won bragging rights over "Dancing With the Stars." The ABC competition had 21.4 million viewers for its finale Tuesday.

Freshman girl is unschooled in teenage social system

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old girl in my first year of high school. I'm not sure what to do about boys or how to make friends. All I ever learned at home was what NOT to do.

I'm not allowed to date until I'm 16, but I really like this boy in my math class. What should I do? I'm so confused. My parents have protected me against things for so long, and I've had to learn from my friends' and my mistakes. I wonder sometimes if I have to be obedient to my parents or if I should make my own choices. Help!



Dear Abby

DATELESS AND CLUELESS IN NEVADA

DEAR DATELESS: At 14 it's normal to have a crush on a classmate. It's also normal for your parents to want to protect you. You say you have had to learn from your friends' and your own mistakes. That's normal, too. It's how we all learn about life.

Until you're old enough to date, become active in events at school. It's a healthy way to make friends and learn social skills. And continue being obedient to your parents. That's how teens build enough trust so that their parents gain the confidence to give them more freedom.

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DEAR ABBY: "Carl" and I have been married 23 happy years. He's a great guy, an awesome dad to our teenage girls and an excellent provider. There's only one problem. Lately he's boring.

Carl doesn't have a physically demanding job, so he can't blame it on being tired. I always make the plans for entertainment because if I didn't, we'd never go anywhere or do anything. When we go out, I feel like he's just along for the ride and would rather be home in front of the TV.

I can see he tries to enjoy himself when we're with friends, but when I ask him afterward, he says, "It was OK," or, "They're not my favorite people." When I ask if he'd like to plan the next outing, he says he's happy just staying home.

I work, go to school and have a busy life, but I need more in it and I'd like to include my husband. My friends are all couples so, naturally, I'd like to have Carl at my side. Whatever I suggest for fun, he's never enthusiastic about any of it. If I have to stay home one more Friday night and watch a movie on pay-per-view, I'll scream! Please help.

TIRED OF FRIDAY NIGHT BLUES

DEAR TIRED: You say "lately" your husband is boring. What was he like before that? A man who is listless, lethargic and disengaged should see his doctor to make sure there is nothing physically wrong and if he could be suffering from a mild depression. Suggest he have a physical and, if possible, go with him so you can voice your concerns.

If nothing is wrong with Carl, you two need to find some activity you can do together that you both will enjoy—something that doesn't involve either television or people your husband doesn't particularly relate to.

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DEAR ABBY: My son's fiancée doesn't care what I wear to their wedding, or what color it is. She says she "knows" I'll wear something great.

The wedding will be in September in the afternoon. It should be warm then. They have chosen bright green and bright baby blue as their colors. I don't want to wear either one.

Would an ivory or champagne dress be appropriate? I was raised "old school" and need to know.

MOTHER OF THE GROOM

DEAR MOTHER OF THE GROOM: Wearing ivory might not be advisable because it is so close to white. However, a dress in a champagne color or pale blue or pale green would be acceptable.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'Oprah' finale scores biggest audience in 17 years

NEW YORK (AP)—Preliminary figures show Wednesday's finale of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" scored its highest audience in 17 years. The Nielsen Co. said Thursday that the final episode delivered a 13.3 household rating in the nation's metered markets. It was the highest number since February 1994. That's when an "Oprah" episode called "People Shed Their Disguises" got a 13.4 rating. Metered market ratings measure roughly half the nation and can't be translated into audience figures. A viewer

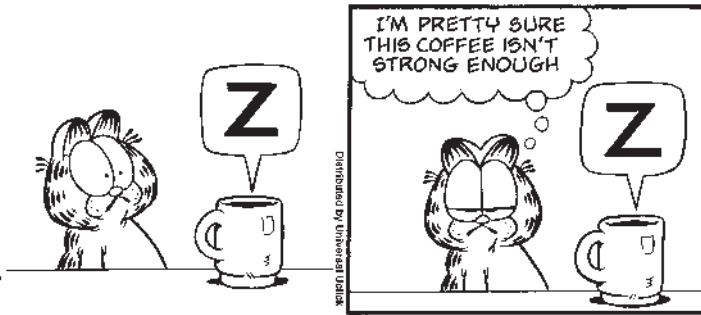
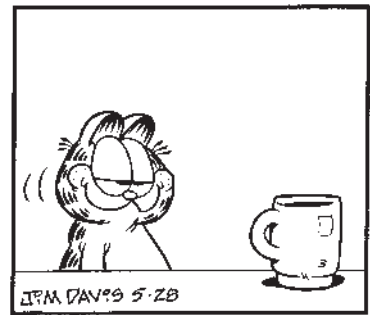
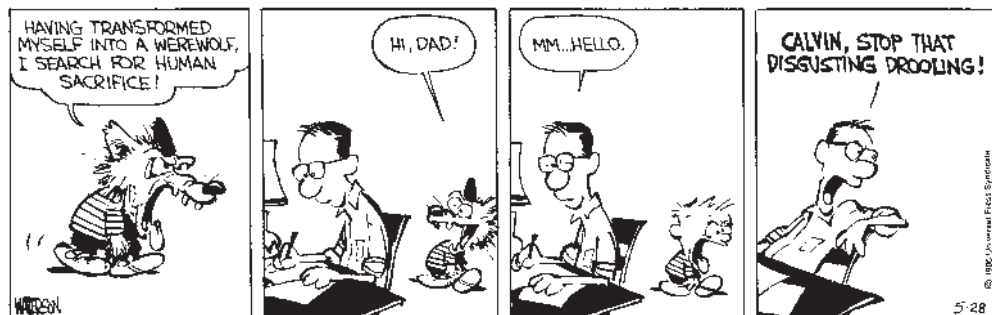
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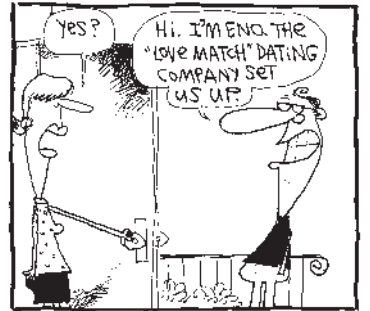


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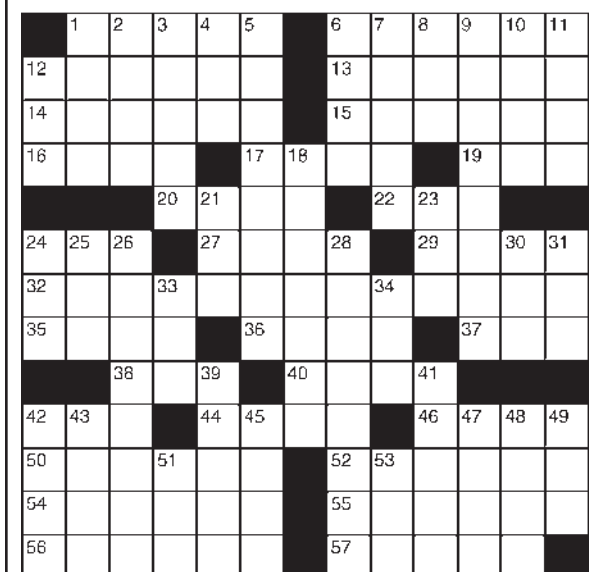
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Carey Mulligan, 26; Kylie Minogue, 43; Christa Miller, 47; Gladys Knight, 67

Happy Birthday: Don't push the wrong people and you will come out on top in any situation. You must take advantage of any prospect that comes your way. Slip through a window of opportunity, surprising everyone with your insight. Your ability to find solutions will lead to greater possibilities. Your numbers are 6, 12, 15, 24, 30, 39, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Nothing will be constant in your life. You'll act on impulse and ride the emotional roller-coaster. It will be a good time to get rid of any of the pent-up hostility. Temper your response with physical activity. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Not everyone will be as forthcoming as you. Consider carefully before sharing your thoughts. Practice patience, tolerance and compassion. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Volunteer work will lead to new beginnings and friendships. Don't feel obliged to donate money when your time is the best gift. Greater stabilization, security and confidence will come from what you do for others. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do what you want, not what others want you to do. Offer your services to a community event or group you believe in; you'll make friends with someone with whom you have a lot in common. Love is in the stars. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let work-related matters interfere with your personal life and emotions. You need to take a short trip or go to new places to take your mind off any troubles that are causing stress. Avoid any sort of aggressive action. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Why is it that money matters always seem to stand in the way? Don't get angry about your finances when all you have to do is set up a budget and stick to it. If you need help, turn to someone you trust to go over your current situation. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid any form of overindulgence. Put a cap on your spending. Your best bet is to take part in something that adds to your knowledge or experience through association or actual hands-on learning. Keep the peace and balance your emotions. ★★

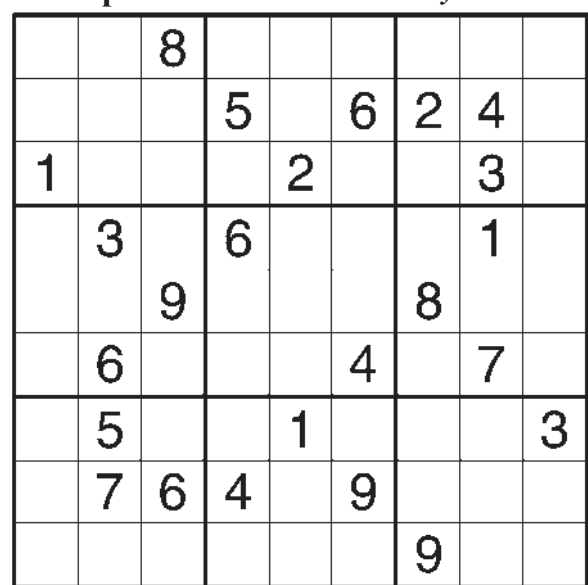
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be drawn to people who are unique, creative and into unusual pastimes. A change of direction will be easier than you think, once you get the ball rolling. It's all a matter of the people you encounter and with whom you form partnerships. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get together with friends who share your interests. Socializing will lead to new friendships and a greater interest in changing your current personal situation and home environment. Now is not the time to waffle, when there are so many opportunities available. ★★

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By Dave Green

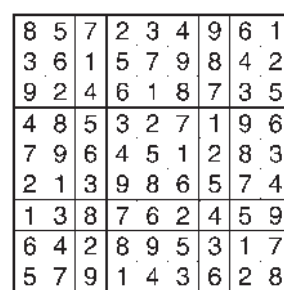


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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay away from anyone trying to upset you or start a fight. Stick closer to home and to the people who know and understand you. A neighbor or peer will take advantage of what you can do. Don't give in to the demands. ★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think about the jobs you have done in the past and what your strong points are. Once you establish what you enjoy doing most, you can set your sights on a direction that suits you. Follow your instincts and use your strengths as a barometer. ★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let your dreams become your reality. A plan that includes ideas from your past, as well as current possibilities will lead to something worthwhile. Touch base with someone you used to work with. Love is on the rise and romance should be planned for the evening hours. ★★



Birthday Baby: Your interests are vast. You are strong-willed and determined, unpredictable, entertaining and popular.

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle. horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 8 letters



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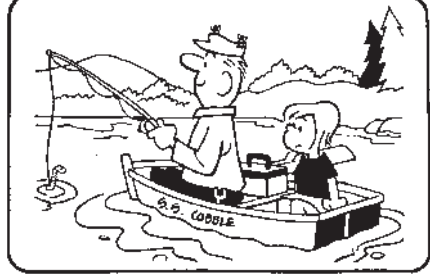
Yesterday's Answer: Vampire

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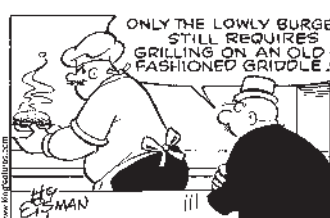
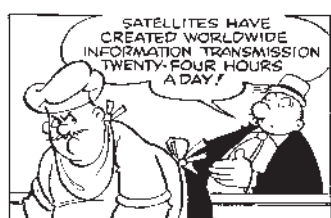
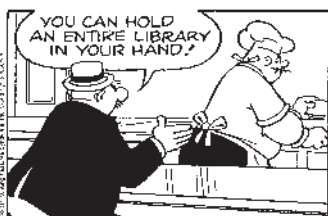
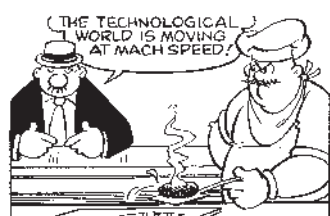
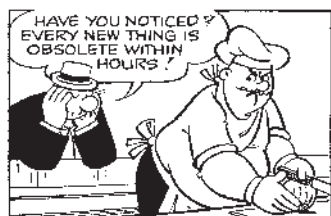
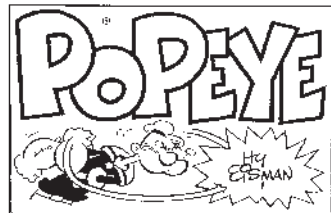
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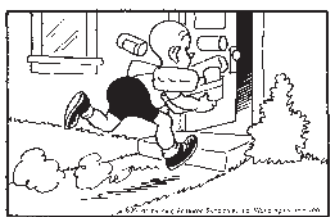
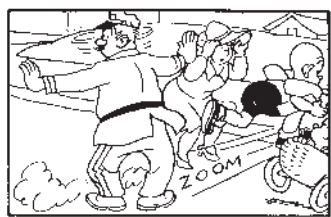
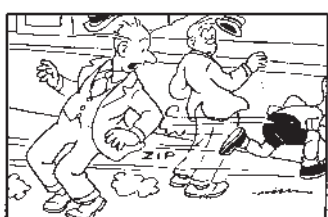
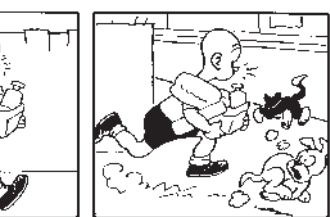
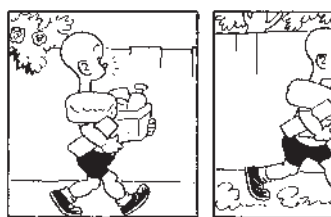
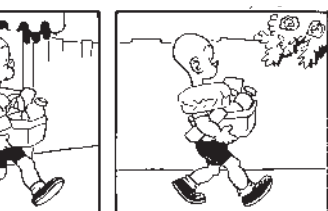
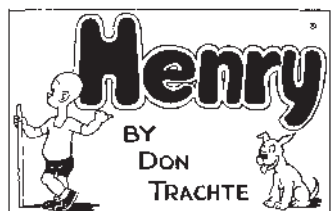
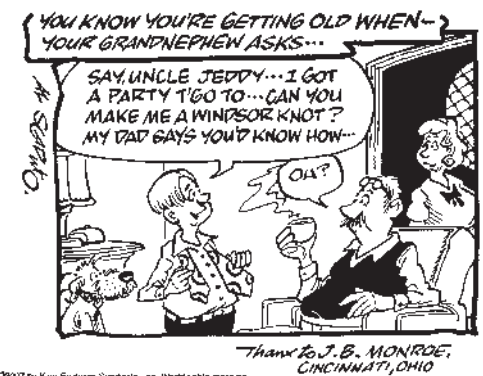
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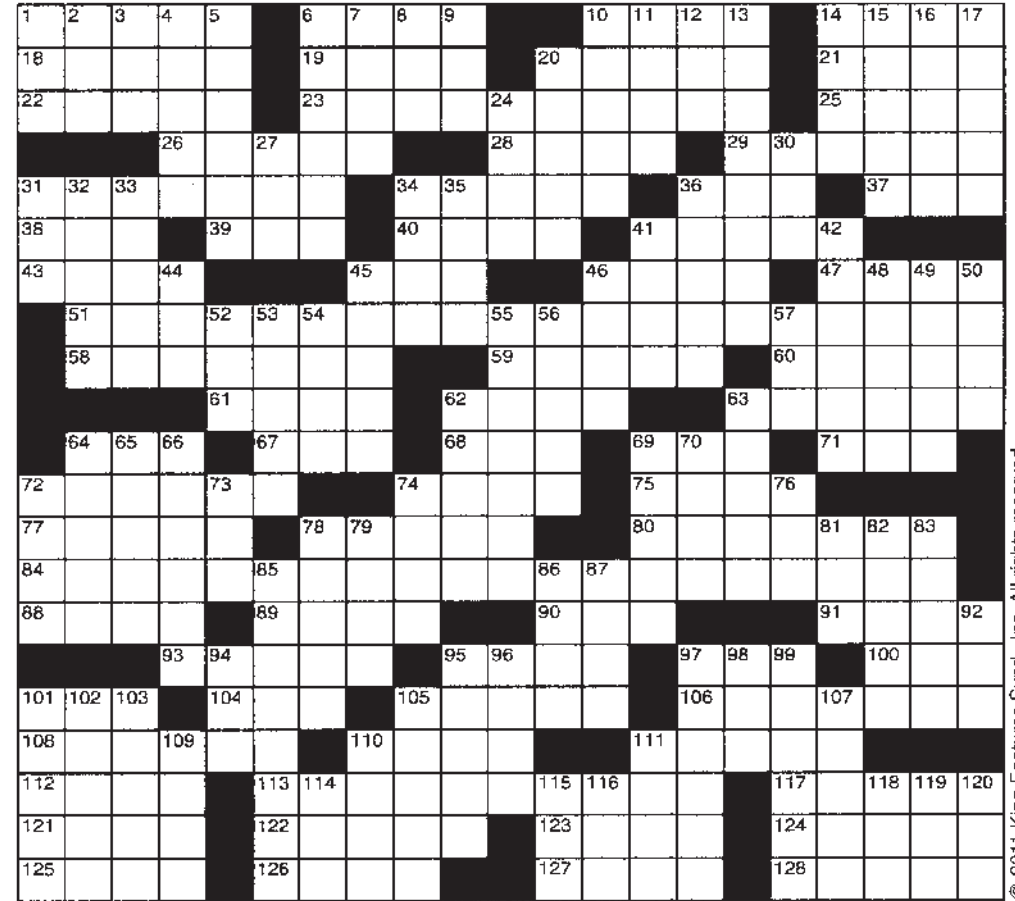
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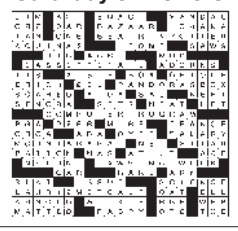
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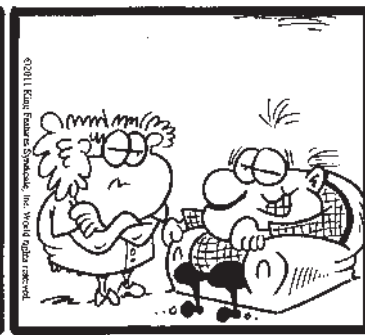
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James, Wade lead charge as Heat eliminate Bulls



CHICAGO (AP)—LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh joined to win a championship. Well, now they have their shot.

James scored 28 points, Wade added 21, and they led a furious rally in the final minutes as the Miami Heat eliminated Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls 83-80 in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals on Thursday.

James and Wade were simply spectacular down the stretch, each scoring eight during a game-ending 18-3 run as Miami wiped out a 12-point deficit to win the series.

Now, the Heat are headed back to the NBA finals for the first time since 2006, and in a fitting twist, they'll be facing the Mavericks. Back then, with Wade leading the way, Miami beat Dallas to capture the championship. This time, it'll be James and Dirk Nowitzki going for their first rings.

The Heat will host Game 1 on Tuesday night.

For Miami's Big Three, this was the plan right from the start. The Heat had their difficulties along the way, including a five-game losing streak in March, but look at them now.

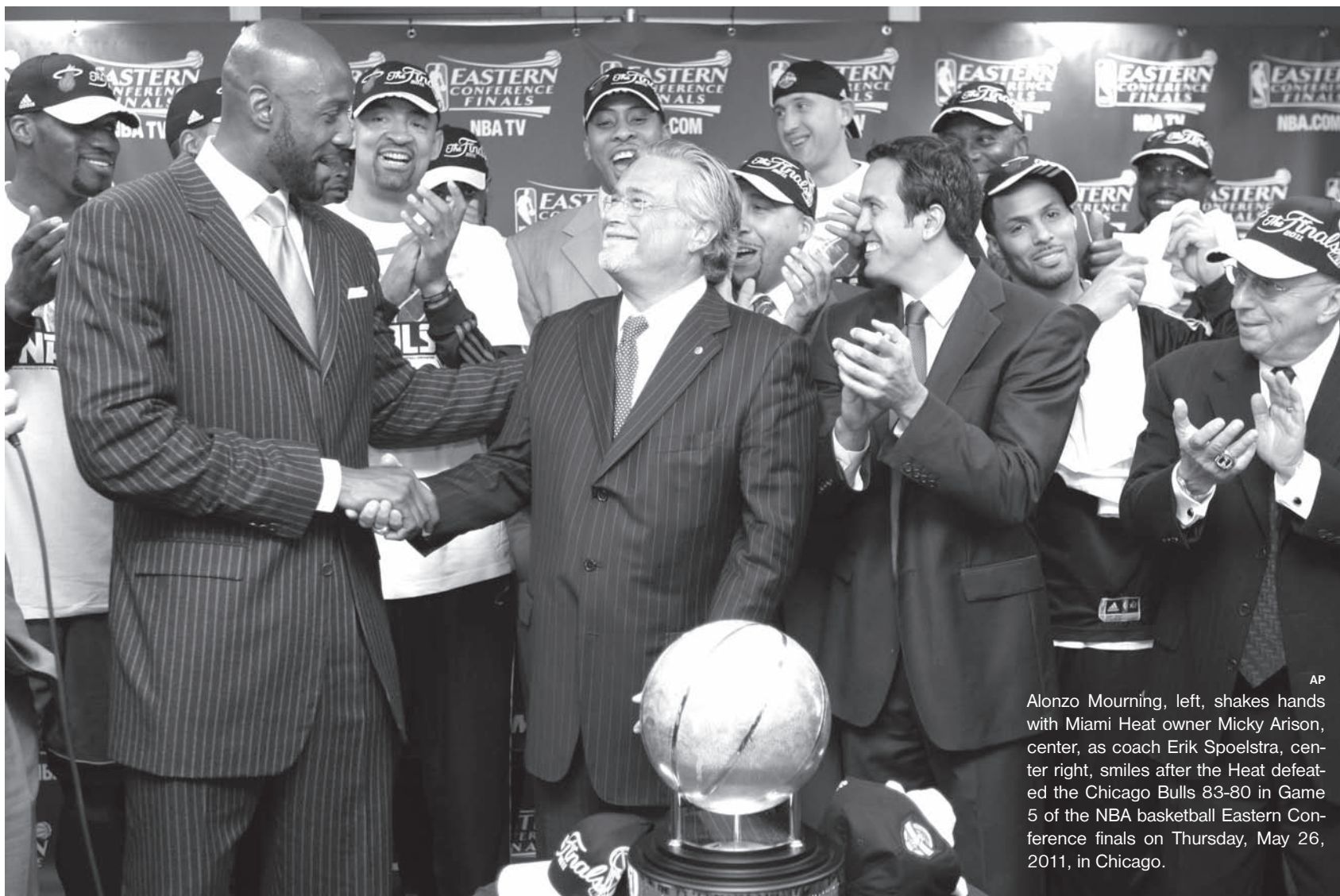
They just knocked off the team that won more games than any other, that boasted the league's MVP in Rose and sent expectations soaring around Chicago in a way not seen since Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen were racking up championships.

Rose led Chicago with 25 points but hit just 9 of 29 shots. He fouled Wade on a key four-point play and missed a tying free throw with 26.7 seconds left.

"At the end, it's all me," Rose said. "Turnovers, missed shots, fouls. The series is over."

James had 11 rebounds and six assists. Wade's late surge helped negate his nine turnovers. Bosh added 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Heat pulled out a dramatic win.

"We had to go through a lot of adversity," coach Erik Spoelstra said. "That struggle that we went through in March, where we lost five straight—all of them close games, where we didn't execute down the stretch and weren't able to close games out—that helped us. As painful as that was, we had to go



Alonzo Mourning, left, shakes hands with Miami Heat owner Micky Arison, center, as coach Erik Spoelstra, center right, smiles after the Heat defeated the Chicago Bulls 83-80 in Game 5 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals on Thursday, May 26, 2011, in Chicago.

through that fire together to be able to gain the confidence where we could be successful now in the postseason."

The Bulls looked like they were in good shape up 77-65 with about three minutes to go, but Wade started the deciding run with a runner and layup. A 3 by James pulled Miami within 77-72 with 2:07 left. Rose then scored on a spin move in the lane, but fouled Wade as he nailed a 3, resulting in a four-point play.

Then, after a miss by Rose, James tied it at 79 with another 3 with 1:01 remaining, sending a loud groan through the arena.

James buried another jumper to put Miami ahead 81-79 with 29.5 seconds left after he stole a pass from Rose. He immediately fouled Rose, who missed the second free throw after making the first.

Kurt Thomas then tipped the in-bounds pass, but the Heat recovered, leading to two free throws for Bosh. The Bulls still had one more chance to tie it, but Kyle Korver got doubled up top and passed to Rose on the wing. His 3-pointer got blocked by James, with Udonis Haslem doubling him as time expired.

Now, James and his gang have their title shot.

He came close with Cleveland, getting all the way to the finals in 2007 but never could win it all. His surge at the end capped a terrific series in which he repeatedly made big shots and helped contain Rose at times.

For Chicago, it was simply a bitter end.

After losing out on their bid to land some combination of two of the Big Three in free agency, they built a solid team that leaped to the top of the East-

ern Conference with a league-leading 62 wins. That's probably little consolation after they let this one slip away. It could be a valuable learning experience, though, for a team making its first deep run.

"I do think experience helps," coach Tom Thibodeau said. "That being said, all these games came down to the end. ... Tonight, we had the lead and we couldn't hold onto it. Hopefully, we learn from that, move on. I think you use this experience to drive you so you can improve for next year."

They took the opener 103-82, but the series soured for them after that. They were in every game and led this one for much of the way.

Things were looking good in the early going, with Luol Deng scoring 14 points as they built a 45-38 halftime lead. That included a highlight reel sequence late

in the first half, when he stole a pass from James and threw down a vicious one-hander over him on the break, getting fouled in the process.

He missed the free throw, but Rose scored on a layup after a miss by Mike Bibby to put Chicago ahead 16-15. And the Bulls outscored the Heat 15-6 over the final four-plus minutes of the period to take a 25-21 lead.

The lead reached 12 midway through the second after a two-plus minute stretch in which Chicago ran off seven straight and the Heat committed four turnovers—three by Wade. Two of his turnovers led to baskets for Chicago, with C.J. Watson stealing his dribble and feeding Ronnie Brewer for a fast-break layup and Carlos Boozer nailing a jumper to make it a 12-point game midway through the quarter.



IRVING, Texas (AP)—

When the par putt dropped for Jeff Overton on the second hole early in the Byron Nelson Championship, things suddenly seemed to be going in the right direction for him again.

"That broke a lot and I thought I missed it, and it actually went in," Overton said about the 10-footer on the 220-yard par-3 hole. "And next thing, I was able to hit a lot of great shots and strike out early. I never had a chance of making bogey from there."

Overton went on to a bogey-free 6-under 64 on Thursday to take the first-round lead at the Nelson, a stroke better than Ryan Palmer.

After that breaker on No. 2, Overton made consecutive birdies. He then started his back nine with four birdies in a seven-hole stretch for his best score in 15

Overton takes Nelson lead with bogey-free 64

career rounds at the Nelson, even after his 22-foot birdie try on the closing hole lipped out.

Among his three runner-up finishes last season, when Overton was on the Ryder Cup team, was at the Nelson.

"It's nice having confidence because of last year," Overton said. "I knew I played well. I just wanted to keep things rolling."

Sergio Garcia, who withdrew from a British Open qualifier this week and didn't even play a practice round at TPC Four Seasons because of an infected fingernail on his left hand, was in a group of nine players two strokes back after opening 66s.

The infection on Garcia's ring finger made it difficult to grip a club. His finger was sore a few days ago that he thought he might not even be able to play.

How about this for a cure for Garcia? Antibiotic cream, draining the infection, seeing the new "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie and an opening eagle.

"It's funny how golf is sometimes. Yeah, rarely practice at all and then we get there," Garcia said about holing a sand wedge from 116 yards on his first hole, the 418-yard 10th. "I hit it and I saw guys on the green saying 'In' and I thought, 'Perfect!' I couldn't have started in a better way."

Garcia, the 2004 Nelson champion who hasn't won since 2008, had only one bogey.

The TPC greens were pelted by hail described as half the size of baseballs during storms Tuesday night. Crews worked on the greens before and after a pro-am Wednesday.

During the opening round

Thursday, players were allowed to treat hail damage as a ball mark that they could repair. They also took advantage of lift, clean and place being in effect because of potential damage to other areas of the course.

Garcia said he fixed several divots on every hole, but said the greens were OK.

Dustin Johnson, who played with Garcia, was in the group at 66 along with Jeff Quinney, Scott Piercy, Will Strickler, Chris Riley, Josh Teater, Joe Ogilvie and Keegan Bradley.

Overton has made the cut in all but one of his previous 13 tournaments this season, but has finished better than 20th only once. That was sixth at the Honda Classic in March, and he's had his missed cut and finished no better than 26th since then.

"I hope this is the beginning of a good streak for me," Overton said. "I've been hitting it really well the last three or four weeks, just have not made my putts all year."

Palmer has made the cut only once in his seven previous Nelson appearances. This week, he is using a new set of irons and letting his caddie, James Edmondson, call all his shots.

"All I did is get on each tee and waited until he told me what to do. He told me what side of the tee box to get on, and what side he wanted me to be on, what target he wanted me to hit, and it was my job to hit the shot," Palmer said. "I think there is something there because I was really relaxed and calm and at ease. It came easy, it seemed like."

The greens weren't any problem for Johnson. His double bogey on his second hole, the 329-yard 11th, came after he hooked his drive into the water going for the green and then hit his fourth shot over the green.

He was bogey-free the rest of the round, starting with a 21-foot birdie at No. 12 and a 22-footer at No. 14. His six birdie putts averaged more than 19 feet each—the shortest was 8 with a long of 35 feet.

Johnson, who has finished second- and third-place finishes this season, was under par for the eighth time in his last nine rounds at the Nelson.

"The greens were great, so, you know, I got to give props to the grounds crew," Johnson said. "They did a really good job of getting the greens ready, especially after that hail storm. You've definitely got to give them a hand."

Red Sox get 14 runs again, rout Tigers



DETROIT
(AP)—Jacoby Ellsbury hit a

three-run homer in a five-run second inning as the hot-hitting Boston Red Sox went on to rout the Detroit Tigers 14-1 in an eight-inning, rain-shortened American League game Thursday.

The Red Sox scored at least 14 runs in back-to-back games for the first time since 1998. Boston has won 11 of 13.

Carl Crawford's two-run triple gave the Red Sox a seven-run lead and chased Detroit starter Max Scherzer (6-2).

Alfredo Aceves (2-0) took the win in his second Boston start, allowing one run striking out six over six innings. He has won his past 12 decisions, dating to 2009 when he was a Yankees reliever, for baseball's longest winning streak since Cliff Lee with Cleveland three years ago.

Athletics 4, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Brett Anderson pitched eight scoreless innings to steer last-placed Oakland past Los Angeles.

Anderson (3-4) beat the Angels for the first time in six career starts.

Los Angeles' runs came from a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth, but the hosts could not get a tying run.

Andy LaRoche drove in three runs for the A's.

Angels starter Joel Pineiro (2-1) allowed 11 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

White Sox 3, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Juan Pierre's ninth-inning infield single drove in the tiebreaking run as Chicago downed Toronto.

Pierre went 2 for 4 with two RBIs and extended his hitting



Boston Red Sox Jacoby Ellsbury is greeted at homeplate by teammate Josh Reddick after his three-run home run in the second inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers in Detroit, Thursday, May 26, 2011.

streak to 11 games.

Jesse Crain (2-1) pitched a third of an inning for the win and White Sox closer Sergio Santos finished the ninth for his eighth save in nine opportunities.

Marc Rzepczynski (2-1) allowed two runs in one inning to take the loss for the Blue Jays, who have lost three straight.

Orioles 6, Royals 5, 12 innings

In Baltimore, Vladimir Guerrero singled home the winning run in the 12th inning to give Baltimore its season-high fifth straight victory, edging Kansas City.

Robert Andino led off the 12th with a single off Louis Coleman (0-2), the sixth Kan-

sas City pitcher. After a pop out and an intentional walk, Guerrero hit a bouncing single up the middle to bring home Andino.

The Orioles squandered a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the 11th before coming through in the 12th.

Baltimore reliever Jeremy Accardo (3-1) worked two per-

fect innings for the victory.

Phillies 10, Reds 4

In Philadelphia, Cliff Lee drove in three runs from the plate and pitched eight effective innings from the mound, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Raul Ibanez hit a three-run homer, and Chase Utley also connected as the teams resumed hostilities with little sleep, with their previous game ending at 1.19 a.m. Thursday.

Lee (4-4) threw 114 pitches in eight innings. But his biggest contributions came with the bat.

The Phillies loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth inning against Daryl Thompson (0-1), who was making his major league debut. Lee (4-4) followed a walk with a first-pitch double over the center fielder's head. It bounced over the fence for a ground-rule double. An inning later, Lee's single up the middle scored John Mayberry Jr. Lee became the first Phillies pitcher in seven years to drive in three runs.

Marlins 1, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Anibal Sanchez threw a complete game shutout to lead Florida over a San Francisco team still reeling from loss of catcher Buster Posey.

A day after the star catcher broke his lower left leg in a collision at the plate—likely ending Posey's season—the Marlins finished off a three-game sweep.

Sanchez (4-1) struck out eight for his fifth career complete game and second this season.

Logan Morrison's RBI single in the sixth inning off Ryan Vogelsong scored Chris Coghlan for the only run. Vogelsong (3-1) took the loss despite giving

up only the run in eight innings.

Diamondbacks 6, Rockies 3

In Denver, Micah Owings pitched five effective innings for his first win in more than a year, leading Arizona over Colorado.

and Miguel Montero hit a three-run homer, helping Arizona win for the ninth time in 10 games.

Owings (1-0) bottled up the Rockies' struggling offense, allowing just one run. He earned his first win since last May, when he pitched for Cincinnati.

Miguel Montero staked Owings to an early lead, lining a belt-high pitch over the right-field fence in the fourth after Clayton Mortensen (1-2) walked the first two batters of the inning. Kelly Johnson added a two-run homer in the ninth to give Arizona a three-run lead.

David Hernandez got the final five outs for his first save of the year.

Cubs 9, Mets 3

In Chicago, Carlos Zambrano pitched six strong innings, went 3 for 3 at the plate and drove in a run in Chicago's victory over New York.

Zambrano (5-2) allowed one earned run to pick up his first win at Wrigley Field this season. He also doubled and scored a run, and has four hits in his last four at-bats to raise his average to .375.

Carlos Pena hit a two-run homer in the fourth for Chicago.

The Mets lost starter R.A. Dickey to a heel injury in the third when he fell trying to cover first base. New York's bullpen allowed seven runs after Dickey departed. Pedro Beato (1-1) took the loss, allowing four runs in 1 1-3 innings.



PARIS (AP)—There were plenty of excuses available for Kim Clijsters after

a stunning collapse in the second round of the French Open against a woman ranked 114th.

In assessing her 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 loss to Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands on Thursday, the second-seeded Clijsters could have pointed to her heavily taped right ankle, which she hurt while dancing barefoot at her cousin's wedding last month.

In recounting how she managed to waste two match points and drop 11 of the last 12 games after leading 5-2 in the second set, the Belgian could have mentioned that she last entered the French Open in 2006, and had played a total of five clay-court matches anywhere since.

And in explaining her 65 unforced errors—43 more than her opponent made—and 10 double-faults, Clijsters could have reminded everyone that she hadn't competed at all since

Clijsters stunned in Paris; Sharapova comes back

late March because of that bum ankle and previous injuries to her right shoulder and wrist.

Instead, the winner of the last two Grand Slam titles, and four overall, pointed a finger squarely at herself and an odd crisis of confidence.

"I started doubting a little bit," said Clijsters, the French Open runner-up in 2001 and 2003. "When you start doubting yourself on any surface—but for me, definitely on clay—it's the wrong attitude to have."

The 27-year-old Clijsters also gave credit to the 20-year-old Rus, who entered the day with a 3-4 career record in major tournaments and only twice before had been to Court Philippe Chatrier—and those visits were as a spectator.

After delivering one of the most surprising tennis results in recent years, Rus acknowledged she was nervous at the outset, perhaps because Clijsters is one of her favorite players, someone she used to cheer

for when watching on TV.

"She obviously started building up more confidence, started playing a lot better, and was really kind of putting me on my back foot all the time," Clijsters said. "I couldn't really play my aggressive tennis anymore in that third set."

A similar scenario played out later in that stadium Thursday, except it was the heavy favorite, three-time major champion Maria Sharapova, who appeared to be down and out against an inexperienced kid, 17-year-old French wild-card entry Caroline Garcia, before reeling off the final 11 games to win 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

"Look," the seventh-seeded Sharapova said, "it could have easily gone the other way."

She said she had trouble dealing with wind that gusted at upward of 20 mph, making the balls move unexpectedly at times and occasionally kicking up clouds of loose clay into players' eyes.

Those conditions led to this bon mot from Rafael Nadal: "If you play good, seems like much less wind. If you are playing bad, seems like a hurricane."

The five-time French Open champion wasn't forced to work nearly as hard as he did in getting past John Isner in five sets Tuesday, but Nadal was hardly satisfied after beating 48th-ranked Pablo Andujar of Spain 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

"I am not playing that well," said Nadal, who has spent 7 hours, 19 minutes on court. "I am not happy, but I am here."

He needed to erase eight set points after trailing 5-1 in the third against Andujar, who said he thinks Nadal is "going through perhaps a period of doubt."

Also reaching the third round were past Grand Slam finalists Robin Soderling and Andy Murray, along with No. 10 Mardy Fish, the last U.S. man in the field. Six seeded men lost: No. 8 Jurgen Melzer of

Austria, No. 20 Florian Mayer of Germany, No. 24 Sam Querrey of the U.S., No. 27 Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, No. 28 Nikolay Davydenko of Russia and No. 32 Kevin Anderson of South Africa.

Davydenko, a French Open semifinalist in 2005 and 2007, was beaten in five sets by Antonio Veic of Croatia, a qualifier ranked 227th whose reward is a third-round match against Nadal.

Garcia was the youngest and, at 188th, lowest-ranked woman left, and was playing in only the second tour-level event of her nascent career.

Many expect great things from her, including Murray, who after beating Simone Bolelli 7-6 (3), 6-4, 7-5, took to Twitter and wrote, "Girl sharapova is playing is going to be No.1 in world one day caroline garcia, what a player u heard it here 1st."

Sharapova's take? "She's on her way up, definitely."

Actually, Garcia looked like the poised veteran early, taking the first set and a 4-1 lead in the second, buoyed by a partisan crowd that roared with approval after her 17 groundstroke winners, seven more than Sharapova accumulated.

But during a changeover, spectators raised a ruckus by doing the wave, and Garcia acknowledged later that flustered her a bit.

"I had many things going in my head, because I was leading. I was playing well. She was not really in the court," said Garcia, who now will play in the junior tournament. "And then she reacted just like a champion, because she is a great champion."

The French Open is the one major title Sharapova doesn't own, but she and Svetlana Kuznetsova are the only women with multiple Grand Slam trophies who are still around. That's because the Williams sisters didn't enter the French Open—and because Clijsters already is unexpectedly headed home.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	21	.563	—
Boston	28	22	.560	—
Tampa Bay	26	23	.531	1 1/2
Baltimore	24	24	.500	3
Toronto	24	26	.480	4

Central Division

Cleveland	30	17	.638	—
Detroit	25	24	.510	6
Chicago	24	28	.462	8 1/2
Kansas City	22	27	.449	9
Minnesota	16	32	.333	14 1/2

West Division

Texas	26	24	.520	—
Los Angeles	26	26	.500	1
Seattle	24	25	.490	1 1/2
Oakland	24	27	.471	2 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	31	19	.620	—
Florida	29	19	.604	1
Atlanta	28	23	.549	3 1/2
New York	23	26	.469	7 1/2
Washington	21	28	.429	9 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	30	21	.588	—
Milwaukee	27	23	.540	2 1/2
Cincinnati	26	25	.510	4
Chicago	22	26	.458	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	22	26	.458	6 1/2
Houston	19	31	.380	10 1/2

West Division

San Francisco	27	22	.551	—
Arizona	26	24	.520	1 1/2
Colorado	24	25	.490	3
Los Angeles	22	29	.431	6
San Diego	20	30	.400	7 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Philadelphia 10, Cincinnati 4
Chicago Cubs 9, N.Y. Mets 3
Florida 1, San Francisco 0
Arizona 6, Colorado 3
Baltimore 6, Kansas City 5, 12 innings
Boston 14, Detroit 1 innings
Oakland 4, L.A. Angels 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Toronto 1

BYRON NELSON SCORES

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Scores Thursday from the Byron Nelson Championship at the 7,116-yard, par-70 TPC Four Seasons Resort Course.

FIRST ROUND

Jeff Overton	33-31-64
Ryan Palmer	33-32-65
Jeff Quinney	31-35-66
Dustin Johnson	33-33-66
Sergio Garcia	33-33-66
Scott Piercy	32-34-66
Will Strickler	32-34-66
Chris Riley	32-34-66
Josh Teater	33-33-66
Joe Ogilvie	32-34-66
Keegan Bradley	32-34-66
Brandt Jobe	31-36-67
Ricky Barnes	32-35-67
Vaughn Taylor	33-34-67
Zack Miller	34-33-67
Garth Mulroy	34-33-67
Michael Putnam	34-33-67
Jerry Kelly	33-34-67
Chad Collins	34-33-67
Arjun Atwal	36-32-68
Tim Herron	33-35-68
Robert Gomez	35-33-68
Chris Kirk	32-36-68
Nick Watney	36-32-68
Vijay Singh	33-35-68
D.A. Points	36-32-68
Michael Bradley	34-34-68
John Rollins	33-35-68
Ted Purdy	35-33-68
Martin Piller	38-30-68
Chris Stroud	35-34-69
Tom Gillis	36-33-69
Chad Campbell	36-33-69
Scott McCarron	37-32-69
Nick O'Hern	34-35-69
Robert Allenby	34-35-69
Gary Woodland	33-36-69
Rory Sabbatini	35-34-69
Tim Petrovic	35-34-69
George McNeill	34-35-69
Dean Wilson	34-35-69
Bob Estes	36-33-69
Jarrod Lyle	35-34-69
Scott Gutschewski	33-36-69
Paul Stankowski	34-35-69
Ryuji Imada	35-34-69

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clobbered Tan Holdings, 6-0.

Zoe Jewell and Connie Camacho had two goals apiece for Paire, while Megan Herber and Temary Gramlich scored one each.

Last Saturday, MP United also cruised to an easy win against Independents, 2-0.

After a scoreless first half, Andrea Engelhardt broke the ice for MP United, scoring in the 50th minute. Twelve minutes later, Jenn Backhaus lit up the scoreboard, anew.

In the other game last Saturday, Shirley's whipped Matanasa, 5-0.

Lalaine Pagarao gave Shirley's a 1-0 lead at the break with her goal in the 39th minute. Then in the second half, Jeraldine Castillo canned back-to-back goals, hitting her first in the 47th minute and the second 12 minutes later for Shirley's 3-0 advantage.

Shirley's last two goals were made in a span of two minutes with Marie Javier nailing the fourth in the 63rd minute and Jeralyn Castillo tallying the fifth in the 65th.

Youth Summer/Fall League coming soon



Saipan Major League is planning to conduct a

Summer-Fall youth baseball league tentatively scheduled in late June or early July.

"This league is a developmental program aimed at teaching the basics and fundamentals of baseball for players ages 14 to 18 to prepare them for transition into a

higher level of competition and possible enrollment in the various junior colleges in the mainland that offer baseball," said SML coordinator Tony I. Rogolifoi.

All games will be played under seven innings, and since it is a developmental program, wooden bats will be used in place of metal ones.

Weather permitting, each team will be guaranteed to play 20 games or more, exclusive of the playoffs. However, to pre-

vent injuries this format will require a four-inning limit per pitcher, per game.

So far, six teams have already expressed interest to register for the league.

To ensure that participants are well prepared for opening day, SML members also plan on conducting a training camp two-weeks prior to the league's start up. All interested players are encouraged to take advantage of the free clinic.



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IT&E DONATION

CNMI Senate President and Senator Ralph Torres receive baseball equipment bound for Rota during this weekend's CNMI Little League District Tournament. From left: IT&E marketing coordinator Nola Hix, IT&E marketing and wireless supervisor Veronica Acosta, Sen. Ralph Torres, Ian's Mart Julie Manglona, IT&E marketing coordinator/data manager Brad Ruzsala, and Senate President Paul Manglona.

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The boys U15 singles will also have its semifinal round this Sunday at 9am at PIC with Carl Dela Cruz challenging Chris Park and Moris Villanueva facing Chris Cajigan. In the consolation games, the pairings are Dylan Ackerman-Colin Ramsey; Daniel Lim-Seiya Eda; Chris Cepeda-Primo Po; and Aaron Lee and Quintin Ramsey.

The boys U12 and U18 singles will play its championship matches on Monday with Michael Ren and Luther Lizama battling

for the U12 crown at 10am and Rafael Jones and Daniel Park coliding for the U18 title at 11am.

The girls U18 and U15 singles are also in the championship round. Sisters Thea and Thecel Minor will play in the U18 finals on Monday at 10am, while Melody Johnson and Mikalya Lopez will have their title match on Monday at 12:30pm.

The girls U10 singles still has four players with Tania Tan taking on Ami Tsukagoshi in the semis today at 11am and Mimi Sakano meeting Malika Miyawaki in the other semis duel, also at 11am. Both games will

be played at AMP.

The round-robin girls U12 singles have two games left before a winner is decided. Isabel Heras won her first to matches last week and will secure the title if she beats Carol Lee today ay 11am. Julia Ishikawa and Liza Atalig will play in the other 11am match.

The co-ed mini tennis has five games scheduled for Sunday, while two games are set for the boys U18 doubles today. The girls U18 doubles has one match each on Sunday and Monday, the boys U12 doubles has two, and the girls U12 doubles has one today.

Power in the second and added another run off a solo shot in the second.

V-Power added four runs in the third off a single by Mesa and a two-run bomb by Sakisat, while Salty's went 1-2-3 in the bottom frame.

V-Power managed two more runs off errors to start the fourth and stuffed Salty's with just one run in the bottom half to secure the mercy decision.

Sakisat busted three homers in as many at bats for seven RBIs; Mesa swang 3-for-3 with three RBIs and two runs.

Enamo Meta 13, Check It Out 7

Check It Out broke the ice with a run off an error in the first frame, but Enamo Meta answered in the second and went ahead, 4-1, off four hits.

Julie Ann Guerrero and Evelyn Kani were credited with RBI singles.

Enamo Meta's Guerrero then

added a run with a triple in the third inning, while a single by teammate Nami Tadokoro in the fourth put Enamo Meta ahead, 6-1.

Enamo Meta pressed on in the fifth and piled on five more runs off a RBI single by Ann Juliet Lifoifo and a handful of errors that made the count, 12-1.

Check It answered with six runs in the bottom frame, but the damage was already done. Enamo Meta tacked on two more runs in the sixth and forced Check It 1-2-3 in its final stand. Only the makeup game between Man Amigos (10-3) and Familia (4-9) remain in the regular season docket of the Chamolinian league.

This match is set to take place on Capital Hill on June 1. Although the matchup will not affect the post-season winner's bracket results, it still may dictate some loser's bracket matchups.

The playoffs are set to begin on June 6 at 6pm. League offi-

More details concerning entry fees, waiver and entry forms, roster limits, and confirmed registration dates will be released soon.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Rogolifoi at 288-3515. (Walter Cepeda-Sutherland)

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However, Cruz, who top-scored for the CNMI in the 2008 Oceania Basketball Tournament on Saipan and the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau, will always be a scorer no matter what and he proved that in the Falcons' recent win against Mapua last Saturday. Cruz drilled all his seven points in the fourth quarter, helping Adamson pull off a close victory against the Cardinals.

The win was the sixth in a row for Adamson, putting the Falcons in second place in the team standings in their pool. Seventeen squads are competing in the league and are divided into two pools. Adamson is with UAAP powerhouse Far Eastern University, University of the Philippines, former NCCA champion Letran, St. Benilde, Jose Rizal University, University of the East, and Emilio Aguinaldo College. The other group is composed of UAAP rivals Ateneo and La Salle, National University, University of Sto. Tomas, San Beda, Arellano, Lyceum, and San Sebastian.

Cruz and company absorbed their lone loss in the league at the hands of FEU, 61-66. However, after winning their next six games the Falcons are headed to the crossover quarterfinal round.

"Hopefully, our team will do well this season and then next year I can join them in the regular UAAP games," said Cruz, who thanked his mentors in the CNMI and encouraged youth players in the Commonwealth to continue honing their skills.

"If you continue to play and practice hard, you will get a chance to join a very competitive league like this one. If I can do it, other players can do it, too," added Cruz, who got a full scholarship from Adamson.

cials have not released official matchups.

The Top 8 in the men's division advance outright to the double-elimination playoff format. These teams include top-ranked and defending champions Natibu, which went undefeated in 14 games, Phat Boyz (12-2), Man Amigos (10-3), G-Ballers (8-6), Salty's (8-6), V-Power (8-6), UR Balls (8-6), and Berdax (7-7).

Failing to make the playoffs outright are Calikano-Groupers (6-8), Island Apparel-X-clusive (6-8), Familia, Gorillaz (4-10), Red-Eye (4-10), Braddahs (2-12), and Laolao Bay (2-12). These teams will have to fight out of a separate single-elimination bracket for a last-second chance for survival.

All five women's teams, meanwhile, will play in a double-elimination post-season format. Pennant champion Sakudi leads the division ahead of Enamo Meta, NMC Proa, Check It Out, and T&C Clan.



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Jericho shines for UAAP team

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Former CNMI Nationals member Jericho Cruz is making a good account of himself in his new collegiate team.

The former Rizal Technological University gunner and a Mythical Five member in the National Capital Region Athletics Association is now with Adamson University and suiting up for the Falcons in the 2011 Filoil Flying V Hanes Preseason Premier League at The Arena in San Juan, Philippines.



The Filoil competition is a pre-season league for teams that will see action in the University Athletics Association of the Philippines and National Collegiate Athletics Association. UAAP and NCAA are the two premier collegiate leagues in the Philippines where most of the professional players in the country played before.

"I am selected from Adam-



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Former CNMI Nationals mainstay Jericho Cruz is seen here taking a free throw shot for Adamson University during a preseason league for collegiate teams in the Philippines.

son's Team B and joined the school's Team A, which will be playing in the UAAP Season 74 this year," Cruz said.

The 6'0" player is the lone Team B member coach Leo Austria picked to play for the Falcons in the pre-UAAP season league. Cruz was put in Team B, as he transferred from RTU to Adamson this season and will need to meet the one-year residency before he can compete in the UAAP.

"I am thankful for this opportunity. I know I can't play in the UAAP this season because of the residency rule, but still coach took me to play in Filoil. So far so good, as I've been contributing to the team's cause," Cruz said.

The former Marianas High School standout plays shooting guard for the Falcons, but admitted that Austria, a former Rookie of the Year with the Philippine Basketball Association, is also counting on him on defense.

"Coach is doing a great job teaching me to play tough defense. This is my first year with the team, so he wants me to focus first on defense and jell with my teammates. I have a lot of teammates who can score so I don't have to worry about our offense that much," Cruz said.

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DFS netfest resumes today



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Rafael Jones goes for a baseline return to Thea Minor during their U18 singles semis game in the DFS tournament last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.

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The 2011 DFS Junior Championships will resume today and will have competitions for three days at the Pacific Islands Club and American Memorial Park tennis courts.

The final week of the two-weekend tournament will have the playoff games in the boys and girls U18, U15, U12, and U10 age groups, the doubles U18 and U12 and co-ed mini tennis.

In the boys U10, Steven

Goodwin will take on Mondo Taniguchi in the upper bracket semifinals at 9:30am on Sunday. The other semis pairing will have Robbie Schorr dueling James Hourican also tomorrow at 9am.

In the loser's bracket, A.J. Hudkins will Joshua Abragan, Aditya Rai will fight Tony Atalig, and Ken Song will battle Haruya Eda. All three games will start at 8am today. Logan Mister and Cole Chambers will slug it out on Sunday at 9am with the winner meeting Sean Lee on Monday.

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Shirley's breaks into win column

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Shirley's Football Club finally barged into the win column in Division B of the NMIFA Men's Invitational Football League after a 2-1 victory over Independents on Tuesday night at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Siblings Raymond and Raphael Zapanta gave Shirley's its first win in nine games after scoring one goal each in the second half. Raymond found the back of the net in the 59th minute for the equalizer, while Raphael scored the winning goal in the 73rd minute.

Independents took a 1-0 half-time lead off Jonavin Ichihara's goal in the 13th minute, but failed to hang on to the driver's seat when the Zapanta brothers came to Shirley's rescue.

Shirley's will play its last game of the season tomorrow against MP United Blue at 4pm. Also set to play on Sunday at 2pm are



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Members of Shirley's Football Club pose for a group photo before one of their games in Division B of the NMIFA men's league last month at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Matansa and Independents.

Matansa will be gunning for another win this Sunday, following its 2-0 shutout of Tan Holdings.

Dhiraj Chhetri and Allen Mi-

jares teamed up in Matansa's victory over Tan Holdings with the former scoring in the 28th minute and the latter making it to the scoreboard one minute after the second half started.

Meanwhile, shutout wins marked last weekend's NMIFA women's 11-a-side league at the CPA Field.

In the May 20 game, Paire See **SHIRLEY'S on Page 27**

Phat Boyz cements hold on 2nd place

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Phat Boyz run-ruled Familia, 15-5, in five innings to remain firmly in second place in the Chamolinian Softball Association's 2011 Budweiser Slow-Pitch Softball League Thursday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

In other games last Thursday, V-Power blitzed Salty's, 18-3, and Enamo Meta defeated Check It Out, 12-7.

Phat Boyz 15, Familia 5

Phat Boyz shot ahead, 6-0, in the opening frame off an RBI single by Toi Celis, a three-run homerun by Kyle Kaipat, an error, and a sacrifice fly by Mitch Aaron.

Phat Boyz then took a commanding 10-1 lead in the second inning with runs off an error, a fielder's choice, and a two-run homer by Byron Kaipat.

Familia managed a run in the **See PHAT on Page 27**

